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Woman's Week celebration

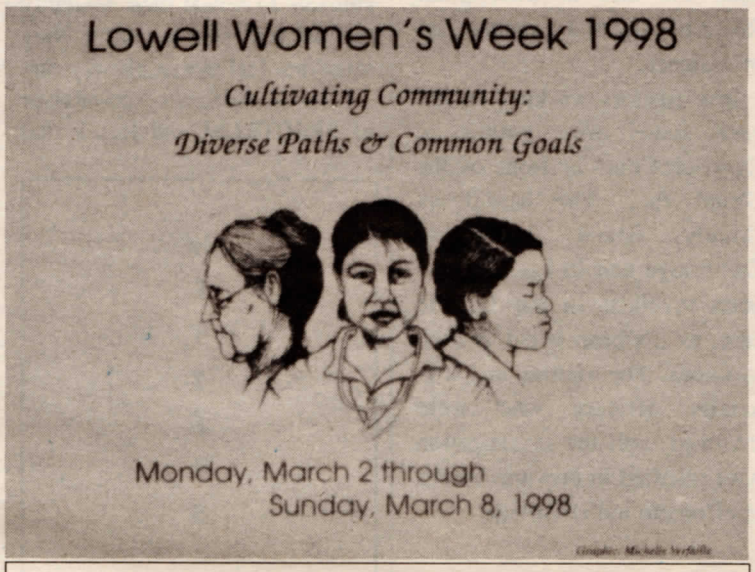
by Angie Ricciardi
Connector contributor

Last week UMass Lowell hosted their third city-wide Women's Week Celebration. The campus held such events as the Women's Lives Series, the Clothes Line Project and many others.

Woman's Week was created to celebrate International Women's Day. Women's Day came into existence because there were faculty members who felt it was an important issue to cover community-wide in order to best acknowledge women as a particular group. Women's Week is an effort to get people together to celebrate women's lives and talk about women's issues and how the UMass Lowell community can be improved for women.

Anne Mulvey, former coordinator of the Women's Studies program and now member of the Psychology Department said, "I think it's been a great success. Every year we have more events. This year we had more of what I call 'cultural' events, like poetry reading and later...a combined concert...a folk concert and a dance performance. Also, we are bringing more groups together, like Women's History Month with Black History Month, groups with common audiences who might go to one or the other are now together at the same one."

Last Tuesday there was a resource fair in McGauvran where the Clothes Line Project attracted onlookers throughout the day. Existing T-shirts were there to be viewed and people wishing to express feelings about violence against women and sexual assault could make a T-shirts that day. The project was moving



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The bulliten announcing Women's Week events.

for many, continued Mulvey, "not only in terms of people who may be in abusive situations or who potentially could be, but also for everyone to recognize the many women, girls and children who are abused or badly treated or in some cases, raped or even murdered. It's something that effects everybody in the community, whether it's the UMass Lowell community, the city of Lowell's community, or the United States, which has one of the highest incidences of domestic violence in the world. It's everybody's problem."

For the first time ever, there were groups of young women from outside the UMass Lowell Community reading their creative writings as part of the Women's Lives Readings. The themes of the writings related to safety and community. "It was the first time that we had high school and even junior high school girls and young women who are actually doing the same kinds of creative writing on the same kinds of themes that undergraduate and graduate students work on here," said Mulvey. "We all had a common basis for talking across age and background."

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UMass Lowell celebrates black history

by Brad Duquette
Connector Staff

Organizations representing UMass Lowell and the city of Lowell participated in the celebration of Black History Month which was February. The organizations on campus included the Association of Students of African Origin; African, Latino, Asian and Native Americans and Residential Life.

ASAO kicked off Black history Month on February 1 with a Gospel Fest and then began showing African American Movies on Wednesday nights. They also held the annual African American Music Showcase on February 26. Kettlyne Cine was a participant in the showcase and felt it was a huge success. "It was the best one yet," said Cine, "there was a huge crowd which was very diverse."

Tonya Smith, an assistant to ASAO, felt that all the events effected those who attended. "ASAO made a positive attempt to involve African American students on campus," said Smith, "and those who went to the events I'm sure were inspired."

On February 23, ALANA celebrated Black History month by hosting its first make shift Oprah/Sally/Montel show. The event addressed issues such as affirmative action, Ebonics and discrimination. Committee member Tonyette Faulk felt that the event was a huge success and brought about questions and answers that needed to be brought up.

Residential Life helped participate by creating informative bulletin boards that revealed the current and historical background of African Americans. Raunice Reyes created a bulletin board on her floor in Fox Hall but believes that bulletin boards are just not enough to educate on centuries of history.

On March 2 a free concert performed by Sting Currents was held in Durgin Recital Hall in honor of Black History Month and Women's Week. The concert was supported by grants from the university's Council on Diversity and Pluralism and the Office of the Chancellor.

The city of Lowell also participated in the celebrations by holding a Gospel Lunch on February 28. Hosting the festivities was the Center City Market place which had Ginny Scott, a local African American caterer, preparing traditional dishes of African American cuisine. The International Christian Fellowship Gospel Choir and the Spiritual Explosion Mass Choir sang many selections including one piece which was sung in

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Serious issues addressed in ALANA's first make-shift talk show

by Steven D. Morehouse
Connector Staff

In celebration of Black History Month, ALANA hosted their first make-shift Oprah/Sally/Montel Show February 23 at the McGauvran Student Center to discuss issues concerning American society today. Questions brought up during the show included affirmative action, Anita Hill's alleged sexual harassment by Clarence Thomas and Ebonics. Guest panelists consisted of faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Lanett C. Scott, ALANA's chairperson, commented on the day's proceedings, "I like the diversity of students that were there as well as the interaction between having faculty involved as well as the students." She also said questions brought up during the show illustrated a need for more dialogue along these lines, to be able to ask questions and be more vocal in exchanges of this nature.

During the show, guest panelists had to take over for other panelists who needed to attend class as the focus shifted from an Oprah, a Sally and a Montel perspective. Three people hosted the event, giving an authentic representation of the various perspectives they were assigned.

The audience was asked to consider whether they thought affirmative action was obsolete in the United States and if people felt that all Americans have been given the opportunity to receive an equal education today, regardless of who they are or where they live. The topic concerning Anita Hill prompted the audience to compare and contrast the current Clinton/Lewinsky case and whether the political arena was played out differently for Anita Hill because she and Thomas are African-American versus Lewinsky and President Clinton who are both white.

Dr. Szczesiul, who is teaching African-American Literature during Dr. Holladay's sabbatical in Virginia, attended the show as an audience member and addressed the Ebonics question, "Ebonics is not slang, but a label for an entire linguistic system." He said there are large amounts

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Grand jury indicts Gillette on assault charge

by Steven D. Morehouse
Connector Staff

A Grand Jury handed down an indictment for 26-year-old Robert F. Gillette last Wednesday. They charged him with three counts of assault and battery, one with a deadly weapon.

"Gillette has yet to reveal the name of the suspect who allegedly assisted in the assault..."

Gillette allegedly followed three students to the UMass Lowell South Campus on December 15 of last year where he, accompanied by an unidentified assailant, attacked the students in front of Sheehy Hall. Gillette is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges in Cambridge Superior Court next Thursday.

Gillette, a non-student from Westford, and his accomplice allegedly inflicted head and face injuries to one of the students and assaulted the other two when they then fled the scene. Gillette was arrested on December 17 and charged with assault with a deadly weapon (shod foot) and two counts of assault and battery.

Gillette was arraigned in Lowell District Court where he pleaded not guilty. Inspector Mullen attended the Grand Jury proceedings last Wednesday. There have been numerous attempts by Gillette's defense to release him on bail and, according to Inspector Mullen, the court has agreed the best course of action is to keep Gillette incarcerated. Gillette has yet to reveal the name of the suspect who allegedly assisted in the assault which included kicking the student with boots to the head and face in what Chief Rowe has dubbed a random act of violence.

Investigators working on the case have now gotten to Superior Court in front of the Grand Jury. The Middlesex County Grand Juries in Cambridge and in Lowell have been involved in the Gillette case, as it's been heard in both locations. The victims and university officers who were involved with the investigation have testified in previous weeks in efforts to indict Gillette.

Connector Corrections

Correction: Because of a reporting error, a story titled *Students Primed for War* misstated Jeffrey Southworth's opinion on war. Southworth does not agree completely with the idea of war, he does, however, agree that the US should go to war to remove any biological weapons.

Correction: Because of a reporting error - Robert F. Gillette's name was misspelled.

Housing options for GLBT students

by Brad Duquette
Connector Staff

SPECTRUM and Residential Life are currently exploring options for housing GLBT students in Sheehy Hall for the Fall semester.

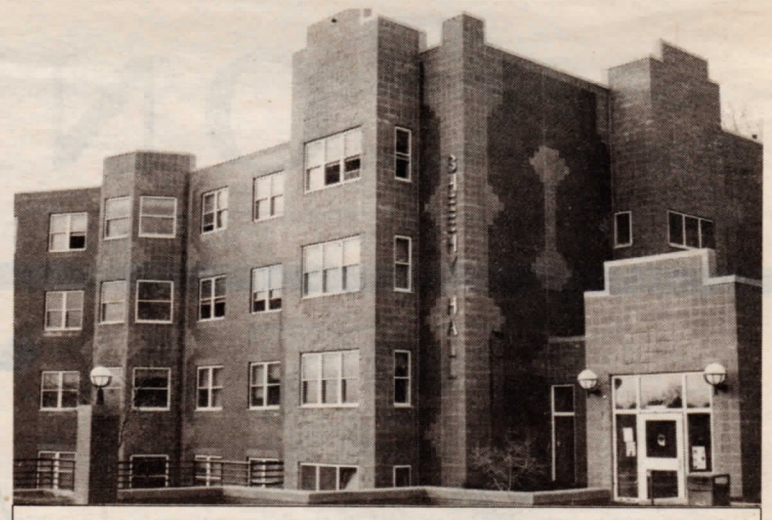
According to Spectrum president, Rick Andrade, the option will create a community amongst like-minded individuals. "We share the same ideas," said Andrade, "which will make it easier for students to come out."

Andrade also realizes the possible negative aspects. "It may create a target for homophobic individuals and some could consider the plans to be segregation." However, Andrade firmly believes that in order for GLBT students to reveal their sexuality to the larger community they must first feel as though they can.

Shelley Adriance, co-advisor of SPECTRUM and Residential Director of Fox Hall, has avidly encouraged the housing options. "It gives them a chance to be home and be safe," said Adriance, "and Sheehy Hall would be a good spot."

Adriance believes Sheehy to be home to many students who are straight allies and can support students being open about their sexuality. "It is a safe zone from gay or gay-friendly homophobia."

Currently the housing options would include two suites, but they are looking for others who may be interested.



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Sheehy Hall: site of the proposed alternative housing for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-sexual students.

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Health Fair: free services and useful information

by Sharla D. Collier
Connector Staff

The UMass Lowell health fair, sponsored by the Center for Health Promotion and Student Health Services, was held last Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cumnock Hall.

Students, faculty, staff and the general public were invited to take advantage of the services and information offered by over 20 health-related organizations. According to Dr. Stephen Moses, program administrator of the Center for Health Promotion, the purpose behind the fair was to "promote awareness of individual health." Most tables were manned by students, giving them the opportunity to showcase the knowledge they have gained through the College of Health Professions.

Student interns with the American Cancer Society provided a skin analysis service to assess levels of sun damage; they also supplied sunscreen samples and informational materials.

Engineering students Divyang Patel and Rene Akasa presented the "Matthew project," a system specially -designed for a local disabled man. They developed a circuit which allows Matthew to control electrical appliances using a computer and limited thumb movement.

Senior nursing students offered massage therapy, blood pressure readings and information on stress management.

Representatives from Tufts Health Plan conducted nutrition and stress profiles. Participants filled out questionnaires which were then analyzed by a computer. Problem areas were targeted and a printout of suggestions was provided.

Student Health Services offered literature on sexually transmitted diseases and gave out free condoms. The UMass Lowell Counseling Center performed depression and anxiety screenings. The campus bookstore was also on hand selling books on nutrition, illness and exercise. Officer Tim Sheehan, of the Rape Aggression Defense program. gave a self-defense demonstration.

Representatives from the following organizations also participated in the health fair: Winchester Hospital, UMass Lowell Recreational Sports, HIV/AIDS Committee, Alcohol and Other Drug Task Forces, exercise physiology department, Lowell Tobacco Education Coalition, Center for Family, Work & Community and UMass Lowell EMS.

Press Release

On Wednesday, December 17, 1997, members of the University of Massachusetts Lowell College Conservatives attended a fund-raiser at the Boston Sheraton Hotel for State Treasurer Joe Malone, a Republican Candidate for Governor. The event was a great success with well over several hundred people in attendance.

Malone spoke in favor of a reduction in Massachusetts' income tax and the State's tax on unearned income. His platform also calls for trimming the size of the State bureaucracy.

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National Campus Briefs

compiled by Steven D. Morehouse
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Pomona College

CLAREMONT, CA — According to *The Student Life*, Brian Cressner and Peter Kurahashi were killed February 23 when an eucalyptus tree, its roots loosened by recent rains, fell on their car as it stopped at a stop sign. Visiting music professor Heinz Blankenburg was injured in the accident as well. The students were driving through heavy rain from their dorm to a 7 p.m. class in Crookshank. Waiting to turn north, the tree fell south across Kurahashi's Isuzu Trooper and hit the hood of Blankenburg's Lincoln Mark VII parked facing east. President Stanley witnessed the accident and immediately called paramedics. The coroner arrived on the scene at approximately 10 p.m., by which time the police were reasonably certain the damage was too severe to hold out hope for the students.

Louisiana State University

BATON ROUGE, LA — According to *The Reveille*, the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney announced results of the investigation into the death of Benjamin Wynne at a press conference on February 25. District Attorney Doug Moreau charged H.B.M. Corporation, the parent company of Murphy's Bar, with 86 counts of unlawful sales to persons under 21. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been charged with 86 counts of unlawful purchase of alcoholic beverages on behalf of persons under 21. According to Moreau, if found guilty, the maximum fine for H.B.M. Corp. is $100 and/or six months in prison per charge and $500 and/or 30 days in prison per charge for the SAE chapter. After evaluating the investigation's results, the DA's office concluded, "[Wynne's death] was his [own] responsibility."

University of Chicago

CHICAGO, IL — The *Chicago Maroon* reports that on February 22 at approximately 5:15 p.m., Margaret Kovacs, an 80-year-old Hyde Park resident drove her car into a crowd of students waiting for the bus—striking five and seriously injuring two. Michelle Martone and Charles Hamilton were both seriously injured and taken for treatment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Kovacs had no comment on the accident. Andrew Dustin, a third-year student in the College and Bishop House resident witnessed the accident first hand, "the engine just revved up real hard and I heard the squealing of tires and [the car] floored into the people standing there. It sounded like it was accelerating until it hit the curb."

Pennsylvania State University

STATE COLLEGE, PA — According to the *Daily Collegian*, Libertarian candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, Ken Krawchuk joined retired professor Julian Heicklen February 26 in Heicklen's weekly marijuana protest. Though none of the protesters smoked, a crowd of about 100 people gathered to show support for the legalization of marijuana, a key issue on the Libertarian platform. "If you are in favor of legalization of marijuana, you're in favor of the Libertarians," Krawchuk said. The relationship between the two began at the annual Libertarian Party convention where Krawchuk was named gubernatorial candidate. Also in attendance at the protest were the students and community members charged with possession of marijuana with Heicklen three weeks ago.

Boston University

BOSTON, MA — *The Daily Free Press* reports students in favor of a US military strike in Iraq retaliated against a Boston University organization opposed to involvement during rallies at Marsh Plaza on February 26. Members of Students Making a Change brandished signs reading, "No bombs are smart bombs." Across from the plaza, protesters held signs reading, "Create a lasting peace: Remove Saddam." Though most remained peaceful, some protesters occasionally broke into shouting matches. "In a few years, Saddam will be aggressive again," said senior Michael Scardaville. "Unfortunately, war is the only option left." Sophomore Debyani Chakravarty spoke to a crowd of about 50 onlookers, "you tell me that bombing is going to cause peace, but it's not. Don't tell me that by bombing Iraq you're taking out Saddam Hussein. You're killing the Iraqi people."

University of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, MI — *The Michigan Daily* reports on February 25, President Clinton offered to cut the interest rate on student loans from 7.8 to 7 percent. Some University and state officials are calling this a step in the right direction for higher education. "I am pleased to announce that we are proposing improvements in the student loan program that will lower the cost of college for millions of students and their families while preserving their access to the loans they need," said Vice President Al Gore. According to Thomas Butts, associate vice president for government relations, many lenders are concerned about the losses in profits from an interest rate reduction, "the problem is the

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Professor Profile

by Maggie MacLellan
Connector Contributor

Dr. Carol Brown, chairperson of the Sociology department, was offered a position at the University of Lowell in 1976. She then began teaching theory classes and has been doing so for 22 years.

According to Dr. Brown, the aspect of her job that she enjoys most is the classroom teaching and her least favorite aspect is the paperwork.

Dr. Brown believes that the feeling of the university has changed since she began working here. In the past, students came to the university to escape working in the mills. Now students are here to achieve their goals.

Dr. Brown began studying at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania as a math major. In realizing that she did not want to teach high school, she decided to change her major to sociology.

She received a full scholarship to graduate school at Columbia University in New York City after graduating from Bucknell with a B-average. She said part of the reason she, among many others, was given such a large scholarship was because it was during the era when Sputnik was fired off. The US was afraid of falling behind in education.

Dr. Brown grew up in the New York suburbs of Queens and Long Island. New York city remains her all-time favorite city.

Dr. Brown has a 22 year old daughter who she adopted from India at the age of ten.

A hobby that Dr. Brown enjoys is quilting. According to Dr. Brown, she could spend all her time working quilts and to further display her love of her hobby, she has a quilting calendar hanging in her office.

MassPIRG Consumer Corner

Getting back what's Yours: Tenants' right to her security deposit

by Molly Masspirg
Connector Contributor

Sue L. was shocked when her former landlord returned $100 of her $400 security deposit without explanation. After leaving many messages at both her landlord's work and home, Sue was finally able to catch him. In response to her concerns, he answered that the money deducted was for his wife who had spent eight hours cleaning the apartment, at $12.50 an hour, and to re-painted all the walls. Sue argued that the condition of the walls were the same as when she moved in. She also asked him why they never examined the condition of the apartment upon moving in, while she was a tenant, or right before she left. The landlord refused to discuss it further and told her to "take him to court" before slamming down the phone.

Like many that live in the Commonwealth state, Sue had a landlord who completely disregarded the Massachusetts security deposit laws. Of UMass Lowell students, 60% are commuters, yet few know their rights when dealing with landlords. A landlord has many responsibilities in handling a tenant's security deposit. A security deposit belongs to the tenant, not the landlord. It can not be more than one month's rent and when the landlord receives the security deposit, he or she must:

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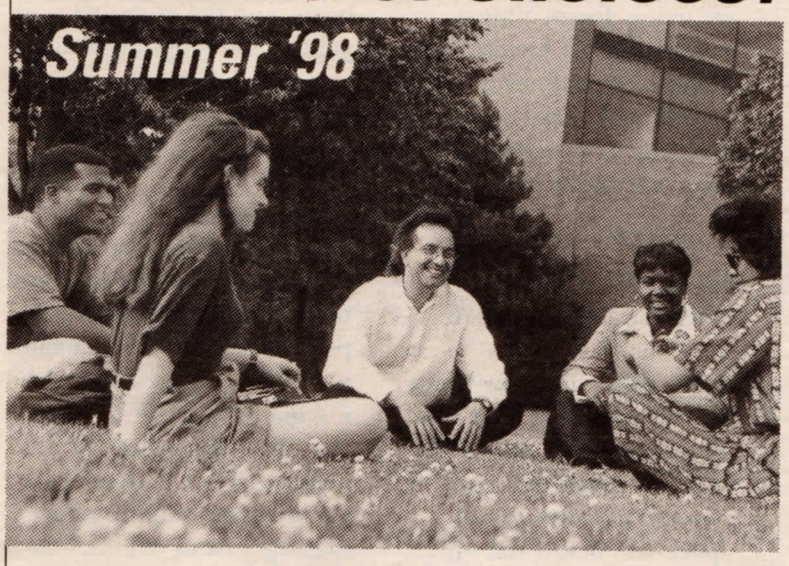

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OPINION / EDITORIAL

'The Importance of it All'

by S.D. Morehouse

OPINION

We're going to meet Jane today. Jane, 22, has recently grown frustrated with life, with school, with the constant agony of lectures never seeming to end. She's feeling a restless frustration so strong it makes her eyes throb. It incites bouts of insomnia leading to despair when her clock's illuminating red digits read 4 a.m. and realizing she's still awake. Jane needs an escape - she's done nothing but eat, sleep (barely), study and attend work-study in the past two weeks. As if by some chance miracle, her roommate takes control of Jane's life and drags her to see a movie.

"Nikki! What are we—?"

"Who cares," Nicole interrupts as she shoves Jane's jacket on her roommate. "I'm getting sick of watching you chain-smoke to an early grave."

"Fine," Jane exhales—

The movie is dumb. It has too many explosions, the acting is sub-par, but most importantly it's 110 minutes worth of pure, mindless escapism. Jane didn't have to exist for nearly two hours and she's feeling a little better...a lot better actually. The roommates step out of the local megaplex laughing over the movie's characters and form private jokes they'll laugh about for years. By habit or reflex Jane reaches for her Newports.

The patch-yes-the patch-I'll start next week...promise, she tells herself as she presses the woven coffin nail between her lips. Before she can light it, the two hear a murmur nearby. A group of young employees are taking a break near the entrance of the vast cinematic complex. They're smoking and muttering to themselves as high school students do in weak attempts to socialize. The boys and girls awkwardly exchange gossip in search of something to say to one another—

"Yeah, I guess he kinda raped this girl..."

Jane nearly trips over the words, *kinda raped?* She looks over at Nicole who is stunned by not entirely surprised by the boy's absurd remark. Slowly the pair make their way back to Nicole's car...Jane's cigarette hangs between her fingers unlit.

"Is it me," Jane says, "or did that moron *actually* say that someone he knows 'kinda' raped someone?"

"I have *no* idea," Nicole responds as she reaches for her seat belt. The car is making its way back to the dorm as Jane's frustration begins to manifest itself again.

Make a Choice

"Y'know, I don't know what's worse: the fact that that shithead said he knows someone who 'kinda' raped someone, or the fact that none of his friends called him on it. I mean, Come *on*! I would have *had* to say *something*. What were those girls thinking by—by not *saying* anything?"

"Think of their age and where they come from," is Nicole's best response.

To this Jane ponders for a moment, "y'know, I'm starting to *really* appreciate going here. I can't imagine a life where I could be so ignorant as to let something like that go because I spent day after day just barely getting by on what little a cinema offers."

Nicole throws an inquisitive glance as she stops her car at a red light, Jane is lighting her cigarette. The smoke clutches her chest from the inside out, streaming nicotine through her glands when finally a long, misty stream sifts from Jane in what feels like her first breath, "I don't think my sister was 'kinda' raped on prom night do you?" No response. "These people...how does it happen?"

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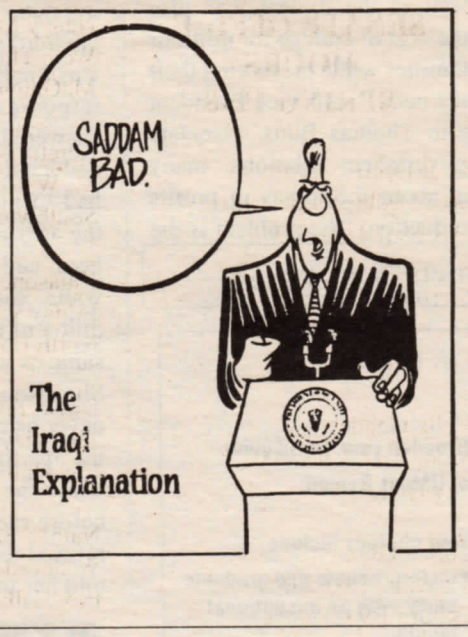

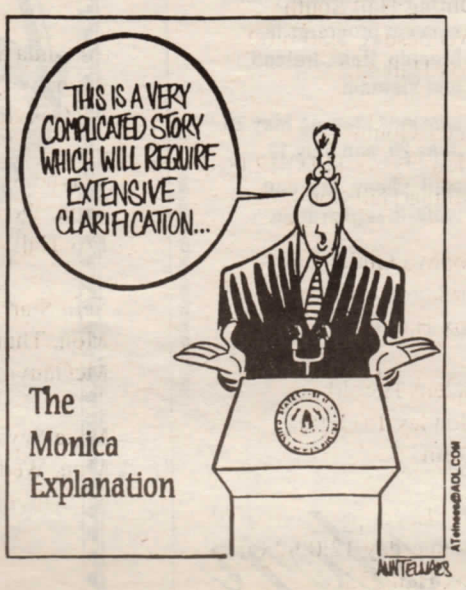
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OPINION

Dear Caring Psychic Student Advisor,

I have had this peculiar recurring dream almost every night for the last six months. Sometimes it's al little different, but it's basically the same kind of dream. I'm always home in my apartment, either doing my nails or watching "Party Of Five", when these two guys Serge and Lance (not their real names), who live in the apartment below me start charging up the stairs, and they're wearing elephant masks, and they knock down my door, and start firing off big shotguns all over my kitchen, blam! blam! First I think they're going to kill me, but when I look around the kitchen, I see all these gummi bears all over the counters and the floors and everything, and when they shoot at me with their shotguns, it's just gummi bears instead of bullets, and they just bounce off me, and they don't hurt or anything, in fact, after a while, I get so good I can catch them in my teeth. After a while I start cleaning the kitchen, then start eating all the gummi bears, and the guys just start yelling and laughing and run away, and then I wake up. Isn't that a strange dream? What does it mean?

"...start firing off big shotguns all over my kitchen, blam! blam!"

-Haunted

Dear Haunted,

Your condition is actually more commonplace than you think. In the language of the psychic advisor, your dream would be categorized as having many "psychic dynamics." Basically, what this means for you is several possibilities for secret psychic messages from within. One is that you had a bad experience feeding elephants when you were young, like maybe you were scared the big guy would suck you whole arm into his trunk (I remember this night after I went to a petting zoo, I dreamt a llama ate my hair). Another possibility is that your apartment is really messy, and your

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform UMass Lowell about a great opportunity to get involved in the community and to do some good. In the United States more than 3 million people are homeless, and families with children make up the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Approximately 1 in 5 children is hungry here in one of the richest nations in the world. The statistic will increase to 1 in 3 by the year 2000. We can make a difference by getting involved here in Lowell, where hunger and homelessness are a reality for many.

On April 4, we will join students from across the nation in the Hunger Cleanup. The Annual Hunger Cleanup is a national, one-day community service work-a-thon in which volunteers raise money while working with programs for the hungry and homeless.

Similar to a walk-a-thon, the Cleanup mobilizes thousands of students across the country who gather hourly pledges from family and friends for their volunteer work in local shelters and community kitchens. From 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Saturday April 4, students and community volunteers will join together to work on such projects as cleaning up shelters, repainting soup kitchens, planting community gardens, whatever is most needed in the local community.

Last year, we worked at the House of Hope and other local shelters. This year, our goal is to have 100 participants and raise over $1000. The money will go to local, national and international charities dedicated to addressing hunger and homelessness. I invite all individuals and organizations interested in participating in this even to contact me at the MassPIRG office x4883.

For more information, come to a meeting today at 2:30 p.m. at the MassPIRG office, McGauvran 337. You can organize your own team of volunteers or volunteer individually. It's going to be a great day and fine way to show Lowell that UMass cares about its neighbors. Only when we take ownership of our community's problems, will be begin to transform our society.

Sincerely,
James Griswold
MassPIRG Chapter
Chair/Hunger Cleanup
Coordinator

Dear Editor,

Are UL students responsible for global warming and world-wide devastating weather? Are the same students responsible for the shooting of buffalo in Montana and the slaughter of wild horses and wild burros throughout the West? Would ranchers back the destruction of forests and the killing of animals competing with cattle for forage if no one ate beef or horse meat?

"Are UL students responsible for global warming and world-wide devastating weather?"

Hamburger eating *Connector* contributors might think about: dead pets and animal excrement processed and fed to cattle, slowly incubating mad-cow-disease, rancher/cattle ravaged public lands, disappearing rain forests, vanishing species, the agonizing deaths of animals (including family pets) caught in rancher traps, eating mutilated flesh severed from bodies of innocuous creatures, E. Coli, etc.

Caring voices may not be heard where cattle interests control law making and the media (across much of the west). But, what people don't eat can have impact in the West and around the world.

James Griffin
PO Box 2394
Fallon, WV 89407

"Importance" cont. from pg. 4

As the car begins moving again, Nicole remembers a summer job long ago, "I used to work in a factory and the people I met—well, the younger ones weren't too bad. They actually had something to say at times, but the workers who've been there for twenty years or more," she shakes her head in disbelief, "all they cared about was *not* being there."

"*That's* my point exactly. Some people, because they decided not to go to college or didn't care, are content working for the weekend and nothing else. Okay, they go to work - they work for the break - they work for quitting time - where they *then* go home and eat, drink, sleep - all the while *knowing* they'll be working for the weekend just a day sooner."

Jane takes another curt drag, "every week this viscous cycle goes on and before they know it, they're 40-years-old making other people rich through their back-braking jobs. People actually get *comfortable* with living life without wondering if there's more. When that happens then people turn to mindless ants waiting to die...I just couldn't live like that," she sighs as the car pulls into Lovejoy. "What scared me the most about those jobs in grocery stores was the fact that people did that for a living! Every damned day—stocking shelves! What happened to 'an unexamined life is not worth living,' do you remember that?"

Nicole sighs, "Philosophy-101. But hey...don't you think someone has to do it?"

Jane tilts her head back, "well, maybe they're stronger than me in that sense...it just drove me nuts."

As the two walk from Lovejoy towards McGauvran, Jane feels a new-found ambition grow in her, "life's too important."

"Thoughts too deep to be expressed, and too strong to be suppressed." —George Whither, *Mistress of Philarete*

Let us now have a moment of silence for common sense...

"Hormones" cont. from 4.

unconscious is trying to send you a message to clean it up. Still another possibility is that you're on a deprivation diet and that your dream diet always reverts to your most decedent junk food in an attempt to satiate yourself. But the most obvious possibility is that your deep down devilish self secretly wants to make Serge and Lance your love monkeys. My suggestion is to invite your male neighbors up for tea and read this article to them to see how they respond. If they run away screaming that you're sick, they probably weren't your type anyway.

Do you know how a microwave works?

The microwave sends out infrared radiation at just the correct frequency to make the water molecules in the food spin. The friction caused by this heats the food.

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Difficulties of the college press — Primus screwed me over

by Andrew Sherman

OPINION

Friday night I was to cover the Sno Core Concert, featuring Primus. Unfortunately, the Tsongas arena management and representatives of Primus felt otherwise. During the course of the concert I was delayed from entering the arena and during, Primus' performance, I was detained by managers of Primus and the Tsongas Arena and I was unable to take pictures of Primus' performance.

Our A & E Editor, Justin Belangers, called a three weeks ago asking for a press pass and permission to take pictures of the bands. When I arrived at the Tsongas Arena I was told, after waiting outside for twenty minutes, there was no press pass for myself, or for the Connector. I walked back to the Connector office, and called the public relations office of the arena. The woman I talked to on the phone, told me there was a pass waiting for me, but it was in name Belanger's name. I was with Justin who, earlier that same day, had confirmed we had the press pass, and that it was in my name. I went back to the arena and as I was given my pass I noticed the master list in fact did have pass listed for the Connector.

After waiting for several bands to play, I went down to the side of the stage. The area for which I was heading was where I was told I could take pictures of Primus, but only for the first three songs they played (a standard allowance of pictures for a musical concert). While the stage was being prepared for Primus, I went down to the side of the stage to wait for Primus to begin. I had no problems gaining entrance to this area. In fact, several members of security for both Primus and the arena saw my pass, and the large camera in my hand. One member of security for Primus inspected my pass, and instructed myself and another photographer in the procedure for taking pictures. We were told to only take pictures from the photo pit, not from the side of the staging area. The photo pit is an area of space between the stage, and the barricade which prevented the fans from rushing the stage.

> "Suddenly I found myself backed up against a wall, surrounded by Primus and arena officials."

When Primus started to play I entered the pit, and was promptly kicked out. I was told I didn't have the right pass, and I would have to take pictures from the other side of the barricade. Even though Justin had confirmation of my ability to shot pictures from the pit. The stage was positioned so there was no vantage point, other then the mosh pit (a pit of a more insidious nature), which allowed me to get a clear picture of Primus. So being the trooper that I am, I entered the mosh pit. I had to hold the camera over my head to get a clear picture of the band. Such a feat is difficult enough to begin with, try it while your in the middle of a thousand smelly slam-dancing-sixteen-year-olds. I had taken three pictures of Primus, or at least I thought it was Primus (for all I know it could have been the giant screen behind them, or their speakers), when several security guards grabbed me, and hauled me into the bowls of the arena.

Suddenly I found myself, backed up against a wall, surrounded by Primus and arena officials. For about twenty to thirty minutes, I was questioned about what I had taken pictures of, were I got my press pass from, and why I wasn't I taking pictures from the photo pit. My film was confiscated, which included a role with pictures for unrelated news stories. My press pass was also confiscated. They demanded I produce proof I of my employment with the Connector. At the time we did not have any press credential. It wasn't an issue until I was detained in the Tsongas arena.

I was told by the representatives of Primus that the security guards thought I was taking pictures of the moss pit itself, which is not allowed. If that was the only reason they had detained me, why was I kept there for so long? Why was my legitimate possession of the press pass an issue? And why was I questioned relentlessly, with my back up against the wall — surrounded by executives?

When it was determined I hadn't stolen the press pass, my film and press pass were returned. However, I was not allowed to return to the photo pit. The first three songs had ended. The Primus executives, despite the mistake, would not make an exception for me. I didn't even receive an apology. Perhaps if I was from the mainstream press I would have.

I have to congratulate Primus, I guess they've really made the big time. I hope, when Primus was unknown, they were never treated as I was at their concert.

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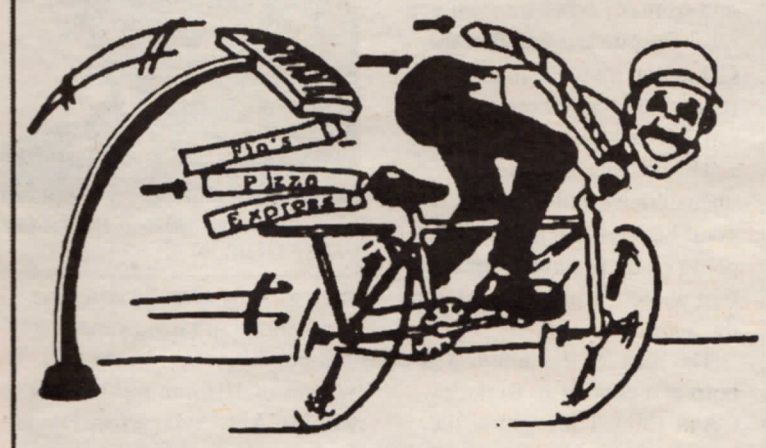

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Arts & Entertainment

Furturistic Noir reigns in 'DARK CITY'

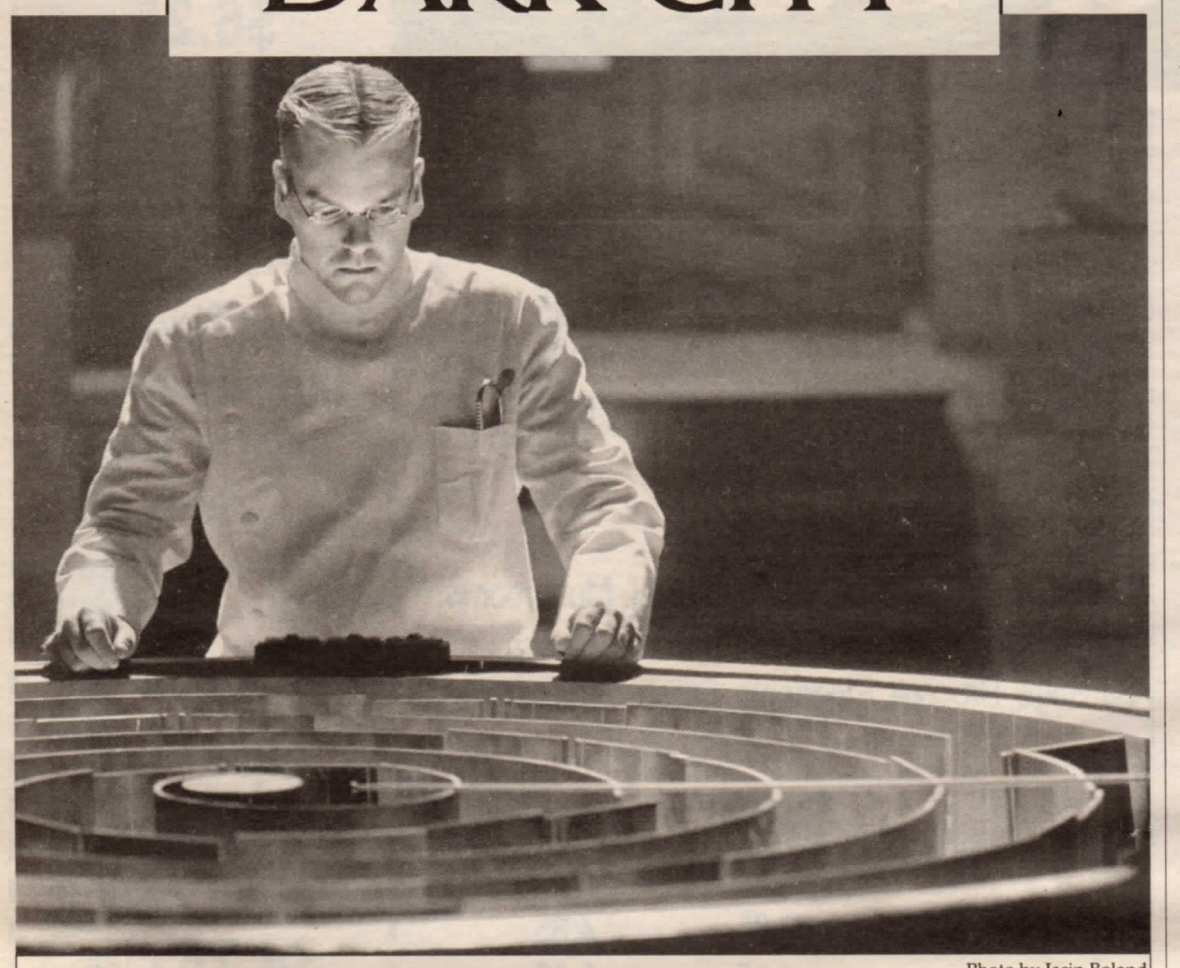

Photo by Jasin Boland

Kiefer Sutherland stars in the futuristic "Dark City."

by Steven D. Morehouse
Connector Staff

Alex Proyas, the acclaimed director of "The Crow" has brought his unique visual style to the futuristic thriller entitled "Dark City," a movie set in an unnamed metropolis inhabited by mysterious entities simply referred to as The Strangers. The movie opens with the introduction of John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell) who has awakened in a hotel bathroom where he discovers his memories and reality have been grossly tampered with. His saga to find out who he is and where he comes from begins with the discovery of a dead prostitute grotesquely slaughtered in his hotel room.

Murdoch soon comes to realize he is wanted for several similar murders and is pursued by Detective Bumstead (William Hurt) for crimes he's not certain he committed. Murdoch manages to gain an alliance with Dr. Schreber (Kiefer Sutherlan) to stay ahead of the The Strangers' attempts to do away with him. The Strangers want him dead for the threat he possesses to them. Our hero slowly begins to unravel the mystery of his life and attempts to gain assistance from his estranged wife Emma (Jennifer Connelly).

With the help of Dr. Schreber, Murdoch soon learns the secrets behind The Strangers presence in a city where the sun never shines and attempts to make things right again.

I have never seen Kiefer Sutherlan (*A Time to Kill*) play a role so completely inspired in all the years and poorly selected movies he's been in. The tortured, yet brilliant, character of Dr. Schreber truly comes alive through Sutherlan's performance. Another shining performance is delivered by *Rocky Horror Picture Show* fame Richard O'Brien who plays one of The Strangers, Mr. Hand. O'Brien's character leads the merciless hunt for Murdoch through a performance all-too-true of a paranoid nightmare emanating from the darkest region of your mind.

Paranoia is an aspect Proyas brings through efficiently in the Kafka-esque world of "Dark City." As a child, he dreamed of creatures invading through shadows and has manifested this fear through The Strangers in a film daring to question our very existence.

Proyas has illustrated a reality like none other where eternal darkness has gained advantage over a society stuck in the '50s. He has dared to make a science-fiction film without big ships blowing up cities, or pointy ears...he's done something different.

For sheer ingenuity, I give "Dark City" an A/B—lacking only in composer Trevor Jones' misplaced efforts.

"Dark City" [R] running time: 100 minutes
Starring: Rufus Sewell, Kiefer Sutherlan, Jennifer Connelly, William Hurt
Grade: A/B

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'Sounds of Wood and Steel' ring true

by Jennifer Ross
Connector Staff

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Amy Grant.

"Sounds of Wood&Steel" is "the first to salute this central instrument [the acoustic guitar] of blues, country, rock, folk, and so many other musical genres." Despite the fact that the CD is not "popular music," my roommate, the alternative rock fan, still enjoyed it.

The absence of lyrics is uncustomary, but provides for good background music. One could study or have a conversation without being distracted by the audio.

The idea for the album was born at a concert in Berkeley, CA in 1993. The night of the concert, Larry Hamby, Windham Hill group executive, fell in love with singer Nanci Griffith's Taylor guitar. Hamby was so smitten, he traveled to El Cajon, CA to meet Taylor Guitar's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, T.J. Baden.

Baden had wanted to compile a tribute to the acoustic guitar, but Hamby didn't have the time in '93: three years later the project began. On January 27 of this year the album was released to the public.

The album, comprised of fifteen songs all under five minutes long, combines singers such as Amy Grant, contemporary-Christian music superstar and pop hitmaker; Vince Gill, winner of 10 Grammy Awards and MCA Records artist; Doyle Dykes, who is now recording his debut albums for Windham Hill Records; Snuffy Walden, who worked on the soundtracks of "Thirty Something" and "The Wonder Years;" Skip Ewing, songwriter for dozens of country stars; and Billy Joe Walker, Jr., jazz-pop artist for Geffen, Liberty and MCA labels.

Grant and Gill perform "How Great Thou Art," the traditional Christian church hymn. Instead of being played on an organ, Gill is on the acoustic guitar with Grant on rhythm.

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'The Wedding Singer' CD falls short of expectations

by Jeff Southworth
Connector Contributor

When I went to see Adam Sandler's latest movie "Wedding Singer," I was knocked over by the number of old '80s tunes packed into the movie. Being slightly older than my college contemporaries, I spent most of my teen years in the 80's and loved the music. Most of the tracks in the movie were old favorites of mine. By the end of the film, I knew I had to get the soundtrack.

Unfortunately, the soundtrack fell short of my expectations. For one, all the songs I expected to hear from the movie were not on the soundtrack. Of the 13 songs they *did* put on the CD, there was at least a handful from the movie they left out. Perhaps the reason they didn't include the other songs was because only snippets of those songs were used in the movie. I would have appreciated it if they had include them, especially since I don't care for Elvis Costello's "Everyday I Write the Book," and New Order's "Blue Monday," There's two down for me right there. If you happen to like those songs, then you're in luck.

There are 14 tracks on the CD, but one track is an excerpt from the movie where Drew Barrymore's character ask Sandler's character to play "Somebody Kill Me," the track that follows. The inclusion of this snippet from the movie doesn't add anything, and it isn't even funny. There's one spot they could've squeezed in one of those other songs. I think this soundtrack's most glaring fault was the poor choices made in the selections for this CD by Guy Oseary (producer of the album).

Bad things aside, this soundtrack will take you down memory lane, and there *are* good tunes on it. The remake of "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Presidents of the United States of America captured the spirit of the original and marked the last song cut by the Presidents before breaking up. I think the best advice is to go to the music store and check out this CD for yourself. However, for good '80s tunes you might have better luck with an '80s compilation CD.

Photo by Kimberly Wright

Adam Sandler stars as Robbie in the New Line Cinema's romantic comedy, *The Wedding Singer*.

There's not much to 'The Big Lebowski'

by Nathaniel Corrigan
Connector Contributor

I should have known what I was getting myself into when the narration of the first two minutes of the Coen brothers' latest effort, "The Big Lebowski," didn't make any sense or have any point.

The story is about Jeff Lebowski (Jeff Bridges), an unemployed ex-hippie who is determined to be known as "Dude" or "Your Dudeness." He plays an awkward, lethargic hero with no ambitions or backbone. His constant companion is his bowling buddy Walter (John Goodman) who is a Vietnam veteran with a volatile temper.

Walter flies off the handle and pushes Dude into the middle of a kidnapping mystery initiated by a case of mistaken identity when Dude is taken for another man by the same name — a rich, powerful, Big Lebowski. Walter and Dude create a tragedy of errors with no point.

As the tale unfolded, I felt like I was watching a really warped episode of "Cheers" where Cliff and Norm say a lot off - words to each other. Throughout the course of the movie, the characters tried to be quirky but the only ones who succeeded were the small, less significant parts, such as the purple jump suited bowler, Jesus (John

"Lebowski" cont. pg. 11.

Photo by Merrick Morton

Pictured left from right Jeff Bridges, Steve Buscemi, and John Goodman stars of 'The Big Lebowski."

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Campus Calendar

Dates to Remember:

Mar. 13 - Mar. 22
Spring Break

Wed. Mar. 25
Mid-Semester
(at least one evaluation required in each course)

Campus Events:

Tue. Mar. 10
Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships Seminar
Fox Multipurpose room
6 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
Job Opportunities
Career Services
Southwick Commuter Lounge
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
10 - Year Celebration
Protestant Campus Ministry
Fox Multipurpose room
3 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
Warewolf Game
Master's Gaming Konnection
Fox 604
6 p.m. - midnight

Tue. Mar. 10
Oscar Wilde Society
Spectrum
McGauvran 334
6 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
Common Deck with Allan
The Gathering
Fox 516
7 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
The Yellow Dress Monologue
O'Leary 222
1 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
Job Fair
Continuing Education
Cumnock Auditorium
5 - 8 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
Rape Agression Defense (RAD)
Fox 601
5 - 10 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
Poetry Reading
ASAO
Fox Multipurpose room
7 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
Security Meeting
Residence Life
Fox 501
8 - 10 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
Job Opportunities
United Parcel Service
McGauvran 2nd Floor
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
Black Pearls Committee
ALANA Student Center
McGauvran 334
3 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 12
Remembering the Cambodian Holocaust
O'Leary 222 Media Center
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 12
Interview Skills Workshop
Career Services
Southwick 200
2:30 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 12
Jets Teams Competition
College of Engineering
Cumnock Auditorium
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 12
Playtime & office hours
The Gathering
Fox 516
10 - 11 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 12
Japanese Animation Night
Fox 501
7 p.m.

Fri. Mar. 13
Friday Prayer
Muslim Student Association
Fox 501
noon

Fri. Mar. 13
Spring Break Begins
Residence Halls close
6 p.m.

Spring Break
Library Hours
Sat. Mar. 14 . . . Closed
Sun. Mar. 15 . . . Closed
Mon. - Fri.
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 21 . . . Closed
Sun. Mar. 22 . . . Regular

Tue. Mar. 17
St. Patrick's Day

Sun. Mar. 22
Residence Hall open
Noon

Sun. Mar. 22
Catholic Mass
Fox 301
9 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 23
Classes Resume

Mon. Mar. 23
Information Booth
Career Services
McGauvran 2nd Floor
10 a.m. - noon

Mon. Mar. 23
"What Can We learn from the History of Radio"
Pasteur 301
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 23
Coffeehouse
Fox Multipurpose room
8 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 23
Emperor with Justin
The Gathering
Fox 516
7 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 24
Resume Writing Workshop
Career Services
Southwick 200
10:30 a.m.

Tue. Mar. 24
Club Meeting for Spring Carnival
Fox 604
3:30 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 24
Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships
Mcgauvran 334
3 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 24
Deck construction with Allan
The Gathering
Fox 516
7 p.m.

Tue. & Wed. Mar. 24 & 25
"**Breakfast at Tiffany's**"
playing at Cumnock Auditorium
8 p.m.
Free admission to all students

Wed. Mar. 25
Club Meeting for Spring Carnival
McGauvran 334
3:30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 25
Job Fair Preparation Workshop
O'Leary 222
1 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 25
Chancellor's Open Meeting Hours
Trustees' Room - Cumnock
3 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 26
Meeting & Playtime
The Gathering
Fox 516
10 - 11 p.m.

Fri. Mar. 27
Japanese Animation Night
Masters Gaming Konnection
Fox 501
7 p.m.

Fri. Mar. 27
SGA Manditory Club Budget Request Packets are Due

Fri. Mar. 27
Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth Hearing
Mass. Dept. of Public Health
Downtown Boston
1 - 4 p.m.

Sun. Mar. 29
Green Deck with Karl cards
The Gathering
Fox 516
7 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 31
Free Stronghold Tournament
The Gathering
Fox 516
7 p.m.

Meetings:

Tue. Mar. 10 & 24
The Connector
Fox 426
6:30 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
Activities Commission
Fox 604
4:30 - 6 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
RHA
Fox 501
6 - 8 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 10
CSO
Fox 301
5 - 6 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
American Studies Club
South Campus Dining Hall
1 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 12
CSTF
McGauvran 334
3 - 4 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 24
Art History Club
Coburn Hall Room 300
2:30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 25
Chancellor's Open Meeting Hours
Trustees' room - Cumnock
3 p.m.

Sports:
Recreational Sports:

Wed. Mar. 11
Standard First Aid
Costello Classroom
$25 fee

Sat. Mar. 28
Karate Kids
Costello Gym
$20 fee

Off Campus Events:

Mar. 7 - Mar. 15
127th Annual New England Spring Flower Show
Bayside Expo Center, Boston
For Specific Times and Prices call: 617-536-9280

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The Connector News

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Tuesdays
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Fox 426
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CAMPUS CALENDAR CONTINUED

Sun. Mar. 15
"Spain, Land of Contrasts"
Travelogue
Lowell Memorial Auditorium
2 p.m.
Free Admission

Sun. Mar. 22
"The Trail" Lewis and Clark Expedition
Travelogue
Lowell Memorial Auditorium
2 p.m.
Free Admission

Mon. Mar. 23
Joan Baez
Sanders Theater
Harvard University
call 617-496-2222 for tickets

Sun. Mar. 29
"Route 66 - A road to remember"
Travelogue
Lowell Memorial Auditorium
2 p.m.
Free Admission

Boston Celtics
Fleet Center
Wed. Mar. 11 @ 7 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 13 @ 7 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 22 @ 3:30 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 25 @ 7 p.m.
Televised (UPN 38)
Sun. Mar. 15 @ 3 p.m.
Tue. Mar. 17 @ 8:30 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19 @ 8:30 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 23 @ 8:30 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 27 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 29 @ 6 p.m.
Tue. Mar. 31 @ 7:30 p.m.

Boston Bruins
Fleet Center
Thu. Mar. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 14 @ 3 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19 @ 7:30 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 26 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 28 @ 3 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 30 @ 7:30 p.m.
Televised (UPN 38)
Tue. Mar. 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 22 @ 3 p.m.

Violence Awareness Month

Tue. Mar. 10
Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships Seminar
Fox Multipurpose room
6 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 11
The Yellow Dress Monologue
O'Leary 222
1 p.m.
Fox 301
7 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 24
So If We Eat Right and Get Plenty of Sleep. . .
McGauvran 334
3 p.m.

Thu. Mar. 26
How Do I Prevent Sexual Harassment
3 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 30
Fear No People Week
Begins

Mon. Mar. 30
"TOTO, We're not in Kansas Anymore"
O'Leary 222
7 - 9 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 31
The Full Monty with Dr. John Wooding
O'Leary 222
2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

'General Hospital' cleans-up at Soap Awards

by Katie Hennessy
Connector Staff

The 14th annual Soap Opera Digest Awards belonged to ABC soap, "General Hospital," winning six, including Best Show. The winners were chosen by the fans who sent in ballots. The show, hosted by Leeza Gibbons and "Days of Our Lives" star Drake Hogestyn (John Black), paid homage to daytime TV's brightest stars.

The fan's choices were:

Favorite Show: General Hospital
Lead Actor: John Callahan (All My Children)
Lead Actress: Vanessa Marcil (General Hospital)
Hottest Male Star: Ingo Rademacher (General Hospital)
Hottest Female Star: Sharon Case (The Young and the Restless)
Hottest Romance: Mark Consuelos & Kelly Rippa (All My Children)
Supporting Actor: Michael E. Knight (All My Children)
Supporting Actress: Judi Evans-Luciano (Another World)
Male Newcomer: Jensen Ackles (Days of Our Lives)
Female Newcomer: Sabryn Genet (The Young and the Restless)
Younger Lead Actor: Steve Burton (General Hospital)
Younger Lead Actress: Sarah Brown (General Hospital)
Villian: Roger Howarth (One Life to Live)
Villianess: Alison Sweeny (Days of Our Lives)
Male Scene Stealer: John Ingle (General Hospital)
Female Scene Stealer: Jennifer Bassey (All My Children)
New Couple: Grant Aleksander & Beth Ehlers (Guiding Light)
New Character: Laura Wright (Guiding Light)

"Lebowski" cont. pg. 11.

Turturro), whose flamboyancy made me laugh. Despite his engaging qualities, he was on the screen for total of only a few minutes.

Even though the uninspiring characters made the movie seem flat, the main problem with this film was that it tried to be both a comedy and a mystery yet it stretched too far in both directions, with end result being that it became neither Overall, despite my appreciation for their previous films, I feel that this project is very misguided and not up to the Coen brothers' standards.

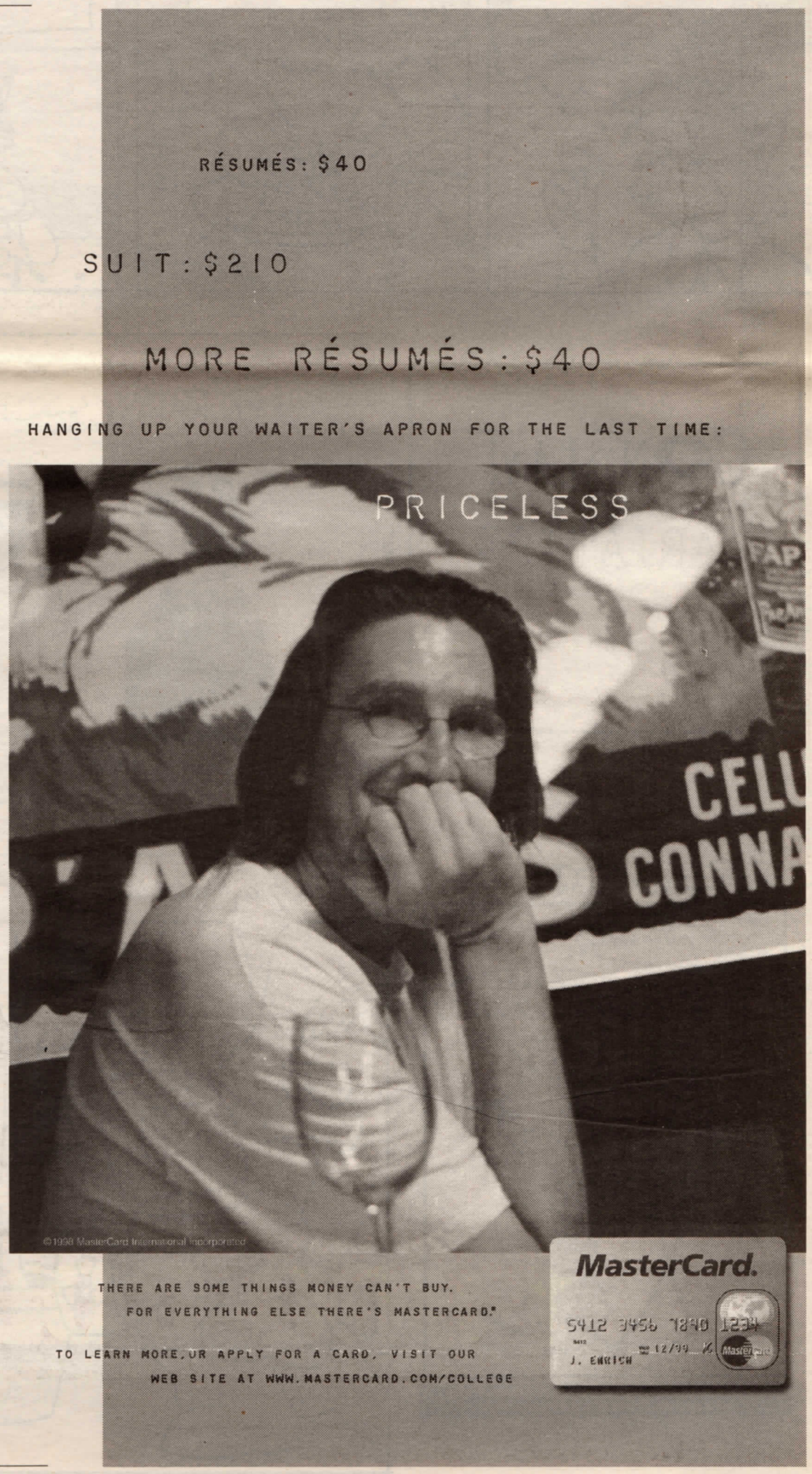
Tops for the week

by Katie Hennessy
Connector Staff

Box Office Top Ten
1. "Titanic," $19.7 million
2. "The Wedding Singer," $9 million
3. "Good Will Hunting," $6.5 million
4. "Dark City," $5.5 million
5. "As Good As It Gets," $4 million
6. "Sphere," $3.8 million
7. "Krippendorf's Tribe," $3.2 million
8. "The Borrowers," $2.8 million
9. "Senseless," $2.6 million
10. "Caught Up," $2.4 million
Source: Exibitor Relations Co.

Top Ten Albums
1. Soundtrack: "Titanic," Sony Classical.
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
3. "Charge It 2 Da Game," Sikk the Shocker. No Limit.
4. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden. Columbia.
5. "Yield," Pearl Jam. Epic.
6. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "My Way," Usher. LaFace.
8. "Spiceworld," Spice Girls. Virgin
9. Soundtrack: "The Wedding Singer," Maverick.
10. "Yourself of Someone Like You," Matchbox 20. Lava.
Source: Billboard

Top Ten Singles
1. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
2. "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," Will Smith. Columbia.
3. "Nice & Slow," Usher. LaFace.
4. "Together Again," Janet. Virgin.
5. "Truly, Madly, Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.
6. "No, No, No," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
7. "Swing My Way," K.P. & Envyi. EastWest.
8. "I Don't Ever Want To See You Again," Uncle Sam. Stonecreek.
9. "What You Want," Mase (featuring Total). Bad Boy.
10. "How Do I Live," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
Source: Billboard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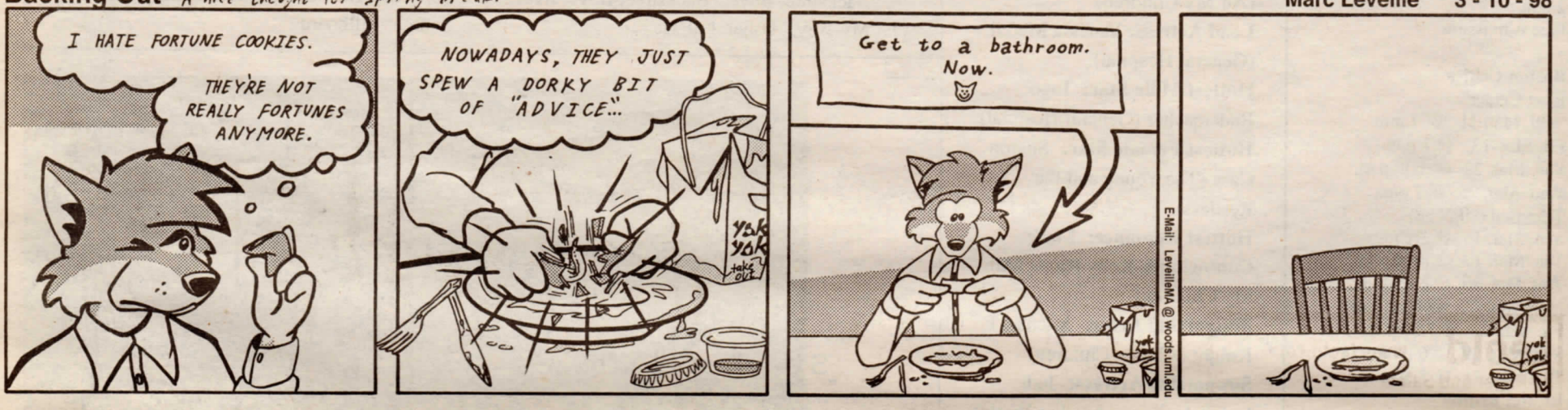
EARLY CHIRP AND FRIENDS

by MATT COCKREHAM

Backing Out A nice thought for spring break!

Marc Leveille 3 - 10 - 98


I HATE FORTUNE COOKIES.
THEY'RE NOT REALLY FORTUNES ANYMORE.
NOWADAYS, THEY JUST SPEW A DORKY BIT OF "ADVICE"...
Yak Yak take out
Get to a bathroom. Now.
E-Mail: LeveilleMA @ woods.uml.edu

CONSTANT VARIATION

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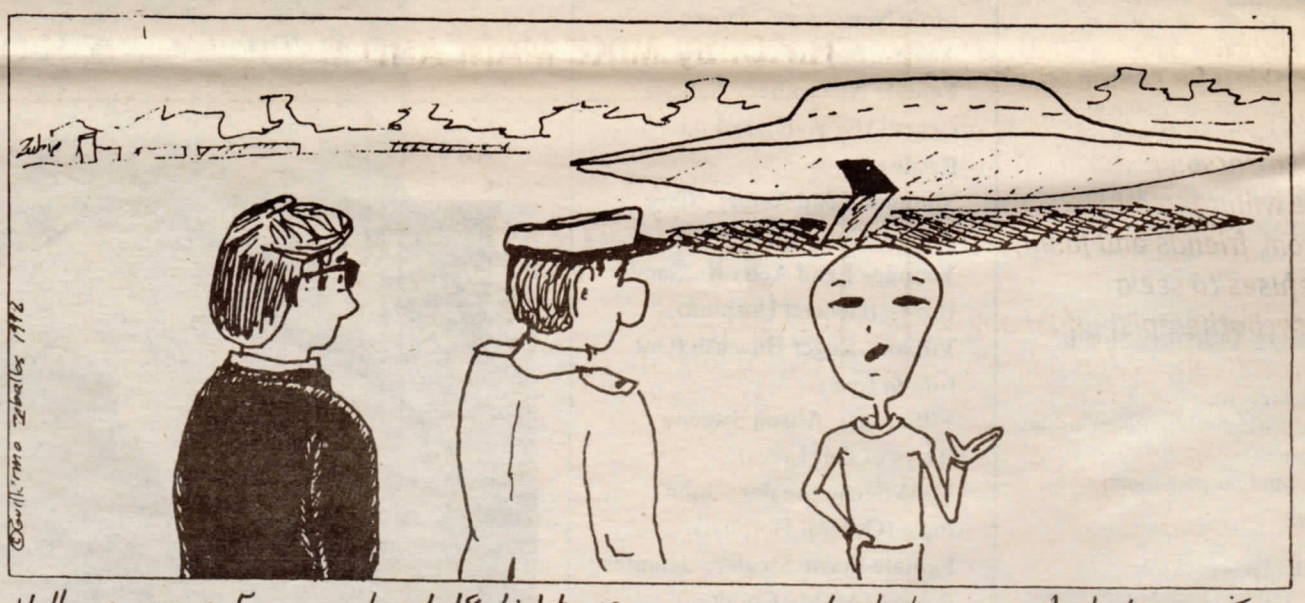

Well, we come from a planet 18 light years away and what we want to know is... How did that Luke & Laura thing work out in GH?

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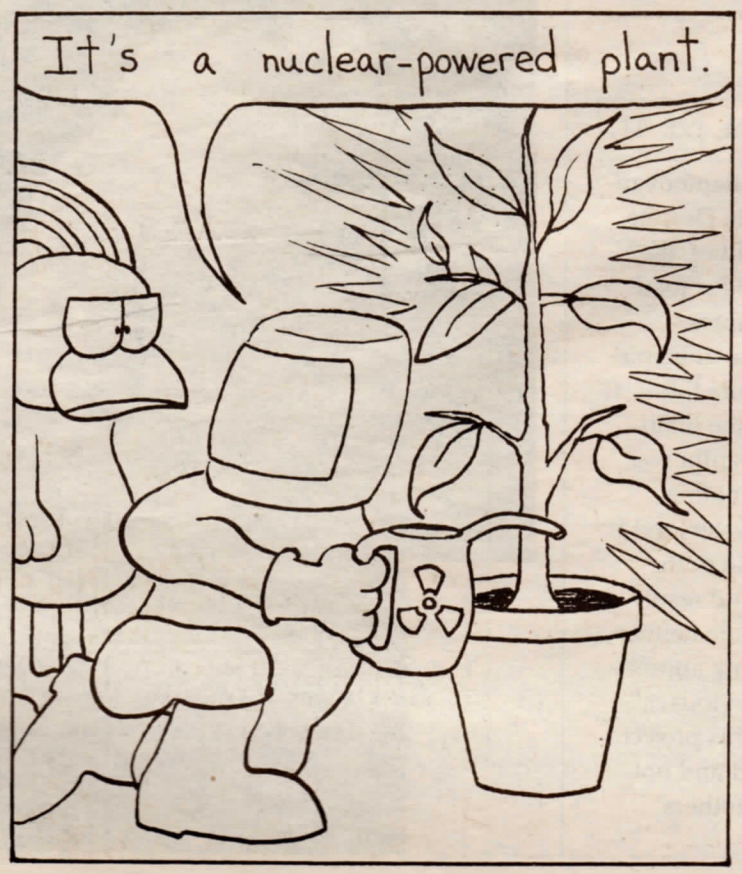

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"I think I'm finally getting the hang of this new exercise equipment, honey!"

"I'm *not* doing a scalp massage. I lost my contact."

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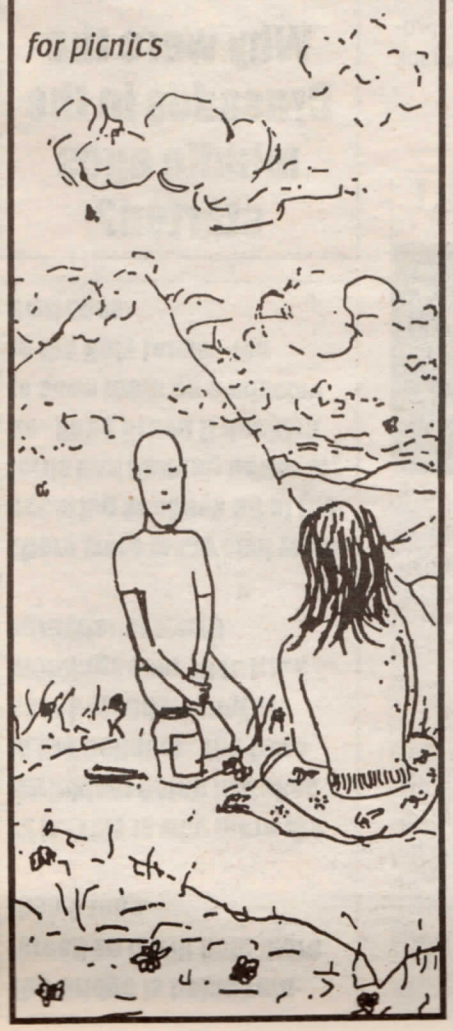
www.leold.com

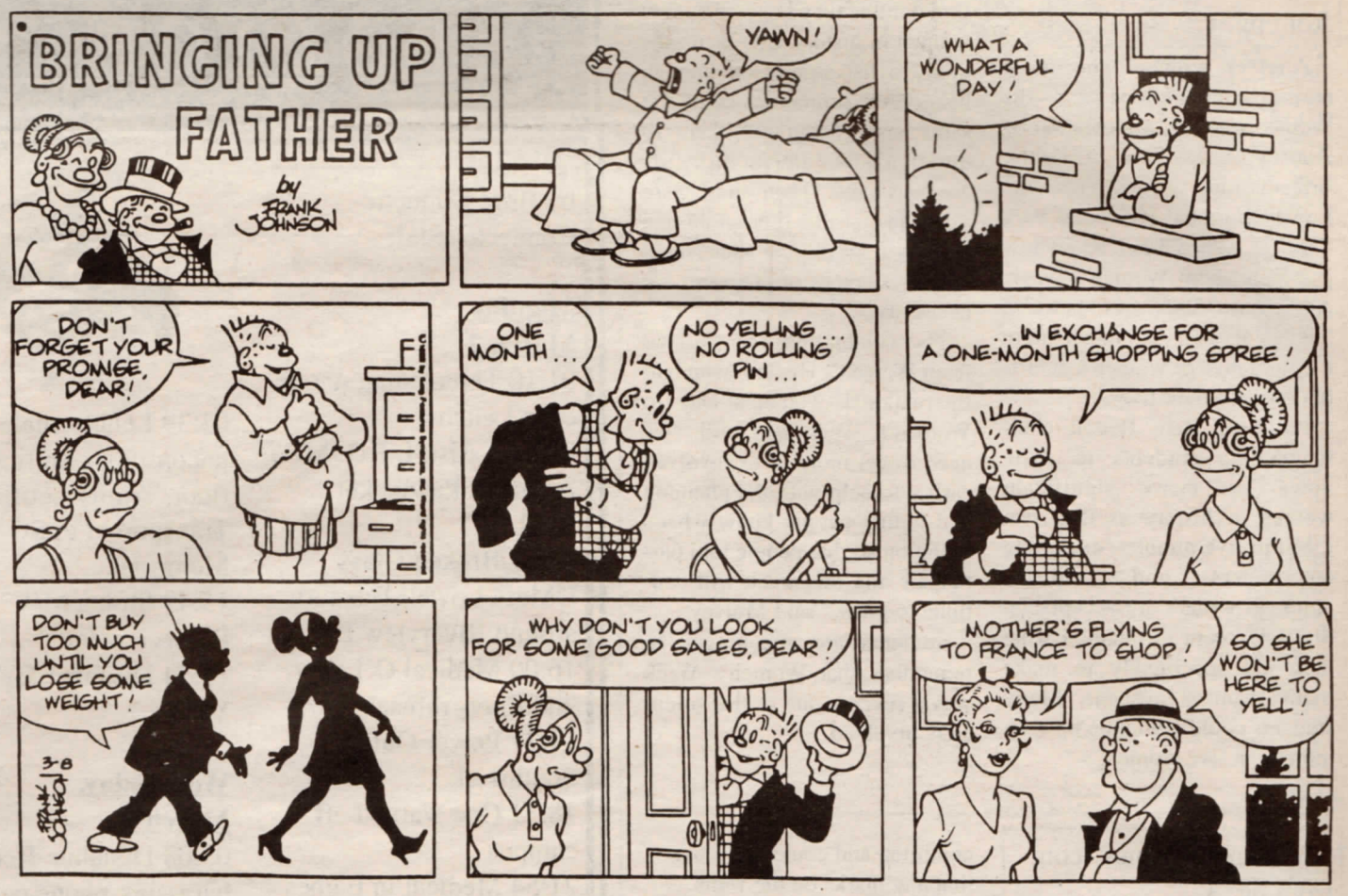
by Roger and Salem Salloom© 1997

Leold's second Personal Ad

Looking for someone who has absolutely no sense of their own personal worth. Would be willing to relocate away from friends and family, refuses to see a psychotherapist under any circumstances, has a family history of physical infirmity and has already suffered from post traumatic stress disorder at least once,

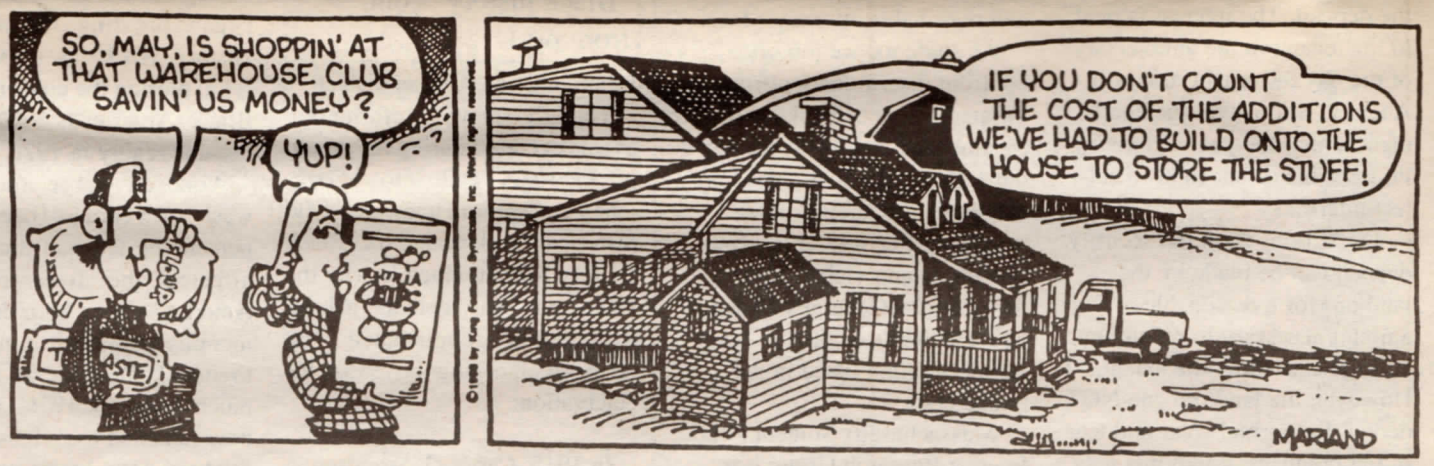
for picnics




BRINGING UP FATHER
by FRANK JOHNSON
YAWN!
WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!
DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE, DEAR!
ONE MONTH...
NO YELLING... NO ROLLING PIN...
...IN EXCHANGE FOR A ONE-MONTH SHOPPING SPREE!
DON'T BUY TOO MUCH UNTIL YOU LOSE SOME WEIGHT!
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK FOR SOME GOOD SALES, DEAR!
MOTHER'S FLYING TO FRANCE TO SHOP!
SO SHE WON'T BE HERE TO YELL!

GEORGE by MARK SZORADY

R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND


SO, MAY, IS SHOPPIN' AT THAT WAREHOUSE CLUB SAVIN' US MONEY?
YUP!
IF YOU DON'T COUNT THE COST OF THE ADDITIONS WE'VE HAD TO BUILD ONTO THE HOUSE TO STORE THE STUFF!
MARLAND

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING

HAROLD!!! FOR FORTY YEARS I'VE BEEN PICKING UP YOUR DIRTY SOCKS OFF THE FLOOR AND I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF IT!!!
GOLLY GEE HONEY, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING SOONER.
...FOR THE LAST THIRTY YEARS I'VE BEEN SICK AND TIRED OF THROWING THEM ON THE FLOOR FOR YOU!!

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

The LOOP
SOME PEOPLE
OTHER PEOPLE
LARRY
I SAW MR. DRAPER AND HIS SECRETARY... DON'T GO THERE!
THE PROBLEM WITH MARCY IS... DON'T GO THERE!
I HAVE THIS FRIEND WHO JUST CAME OUT OF A BREAK-UP AND I THINK YOU WOULD BE PERF... DON'T EVEN GO THERE!
WHERE THE HECK IS "THERE" AND WHY DON'T I WANT TO GO THERE?!!
KOPERVAS

"Women's Week" cont. from pg. 1.

Another women who made major contributions for the Women's Week Celebration is Audrey Ambrosino, a Public Information Officer for the Lowell National Historical Park Services. When asked about how she feels about Women's Week, Ambrosino said, "what we're talking about is so much more the full range of women's contributions and their lives."

Professor Beth Benoit challenges her students to write down as many significant women in history as they can recall in five minutes, excluding entertainers and athletes, although writers are acceptable. She asks them to mention what they did specifically to make them seem significant. Many students could not come up with more than five women.

The students were stunned to find out that they knew of so few women in history. She then asks them to list significant men in history, the limitations being the same and encourages them to question how different their lists are and why. Then they were asked to consider a program like Women's Week and understand why these types of programs are necessary.

The celebration has evolved from Women's History Month to International Women's Day to Women's Week and still "we need to get more of us involved earlier to help with the planning and letting people know what's going on so that people will participate and this week will continue to grow," said Mulvey.

Students are encouraged to remember that Women's Week was a success due to the volunteers involved.

POLICE LOG

by Brad Duquette
Connector Staff

Monday, March 2
01:10 Threatening phone calls Leitch
02:14 Assist. L.P.D. M.V. Accident Pawtucket Blvd.
03:37 Broken Glass UMass Lowell Bus turn around Riverview Lot
16:00 Medical O'Leary 2nd floor- refusal
17:21 Power Outage Southwick
18:31 One warned off campus
21:54 Medical in Eames RD apartment

Tuesday, March 3
00:59 M/V with window rolled down --rolled up window
01:49 Concordia- rec. harrasing phone call
02:36 Fox Hall M/V stopped. One way St. Verbal Warning
03:39 Leitch- male unconscious on first floor. Trinity notified. Transported to St. Memorial.
15:49 Stolen M/V Riverview lot
17:54 Disabled M/V VFW

Wednesday, March 4
03:08 Donahue-Rec. harassing phone calls.
04:04 Eng. 103- flooding.
08:59 Medical Call, notified EMT's and Trinity/ Fox Cafe/ transported to LGH.
09:54 M/V lockout
18:14 Medical Fox Lobby, EMT's and Trinity, transported to LGH.
23:18 Assist LPD M/V accident

Thursday, March 5
7:14 Test breathalyzer machine/base
10:02 Threatening e-mail
10:02 Stolen Wallet
15:18 Harassing e-mail Fox
16:01 Disorderly student Eames
17:46 Eames parking complaint, citations issued
18:02 Moter vehicle stopped health services lot, one under arrest
19:33 Leitch Hall jail 'n bail

Friday, March 6
00:47 Medical Fox EMT's, refusal
02:40 Car blocking Sheehy lot
08:28 Elevator Stuck? Olsen

POLICE LOG PROVIDED BY THE UMass LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Consumer Corner" cont. from pg. 3.

general description of the unit.

2. Give the tenant (within 10 days) a signed written statement of the present condition of the premises which must expressly list the existing damage.

3. Hold the security deposit in a separate, interest-bearing account.

4. Within 39 days, give the tenant [in writing] the name and location of the bank where account is held, the account number, and the amount being withheld.

5. Pay 5% interest (or the percentage the bank is paying) on the deposit. The interest is paid to the tenant on the anniversary of the day the tenant moves in. A tenant who leaves the apartment within the year of moving in, loses his or her right to collect interest.

Deductions from the security deposit can be made by the landlord for a reasonable amount necessary to repair any damage caused by the tenant. However, the landlord can NOT deduct for normal wear and tear of the premises. Landlords may also deduct any unpaid rent, provided you did not withhold it legally.

6. If deductions are made, the landlord must provide a detailed list of damages and the repairs needed to fix them within 30 days after termination of the tenancy, and written evidence of any repairs such as estimates and receipts.

In Sue's case, the landlord failed to provide a statement of condition and could not prove that any marks on the walls were caused by her and not a previous tenant. The deductions for the basic cleaning were also questionable as the condition of the apartment did not go beyond the normal wear and tear. The landlord's failure to furnish her with an itemized list of damages within 30 days after termination of the tenancy, should have concluded in an immediate return of her security deposit.

If a landlord fails to deposit the security deposit in a bank account or fails to return the security deposit with accrued interest, a tenant is entitled to triple damages, plus court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

As students, we too often confront discrimination from inflated prices of books to the treatment of landlords. Knowing our rights is the first step to protect ourselves against unfair treatment. For further information on tenants rights, contact the Attorney General's Office at 617-727-8400, or the local consumer program listed in the phone book.

Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group is a statewide, student organized group that works on environment, consumer, social and democracy issues. Molly Masspirg (a pen name for the rotating authors) will regularly publish this consumer watch column. If you have specific issues you would like addressed or you interested in getting involved in MassPIRG's other work, call x4883 or stop by McGauvran room 337.

"Black history" cont. from pg.1.

Liberian — an African dialect.

Though many informative events occurred during the month of February and into March, many students are unaware of the historical background of Black History Month which is why the *Connector* has included a brief explanation contributed by ALANA clarifying the reason for celebration:

In 1915, Carter G. Woodson, a historian keenly interested in education, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. It was through this organization that he began pressing for a "Negro History Week" as a mechanism for exploring the contributions of Black Americans. This dream became reality in 1926.

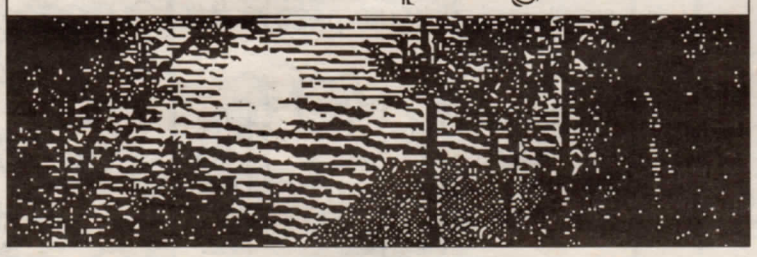
Woodson chose the second week of February because two persons he felt had dramatically affected the lives of Black Americans were born during that month: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas. It would be much later, in 1976, when the now-renamed association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History would succeed in promoting this week into Black History Month.

Do you know why the Aiken St. bridge is closed?

Do you know how tall Olsen Hall is?

Why were the Crusades in the middle ages started?

Have A Good Spring Break!



"ALANA" cont. from pg. 1 .

of money available to support English as a second language, but when Ebonics was dubbed a second language, the media had blown the issue out of proportion, thus hurting a possible solution to a very sensitive problem.

The gentleman debating against Ebonics questioned whether Ebonics hurt the students more than helping them understand and eventually make it through college. He also pointed out that Ebonics seemed to change throughout the United States, where Boston Ebonics are completely different than Atlanta Ebonics. To this Szczesiul made it clear those who lobbied for Ebonics were attempting to fix a very local problem.

Dr. Szczesiul later commented on the make-shift show, "I think its important for students to have a chance to hear what faculty had to say when they're not following their script, per se. They [the students] get a better sense of some of the faculty members ideas and opinions on issues that don't often come up in class." Dr. Szczesiul believes topics concerning affirmative action and Ebonics are crucially important issues in the country that need more honest and open dialogue and that too often people deal with matters of race through anecdotes such as the O.J. Simpson trial, "we don't tackle race in an open dialogue and discussion, so I thought [the event] was very important and I hope they continue it next year."

ALANA (African, Latinos, Asian and Native-American) is dedicated to providing a friendly environment where students can find encouragement, seek information and meet new people. Their goal is to empower ALANA students as they grow and develop and to foster a spirit of perseverance. ALANA can be found at the McGauvran Student Center in room 335.

The bridge is being reinforced so it will hold more than 5 tons.

72 ft. This is why there are sprinklers being installed in the building. The fire codes mandate that all buildings over 70 ft. have sprinkler systems.

There were many civil wars occuring because all of the lords had nothing better to do. Pope Urban II decided to send them on a mission to the Holy Lands - the Crusades.

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The opening bars of the second song of the album, "Nothing's Too Good (For a Friend)" by Dykes, reminded Katherine and I of "Stairway to Heaven."

"Nothing's Too Good..." was first played at a memorial service for Marcel Dadi who died in the crash of TWA flight 800. The piece had just been performed and Dykes was commenting how nothing's good enough for a friend when Pierre titled the song by saying, "No...nothing's too good for a friend."

Music frequently explains what can't be expressed in words, such as in "Who Lives Up There." The composer's son asked a question, which is the title of the song, and the slow, soft, meditative song was the closest to an answer the boy's father, Walden, could come.

"Marina" evokes images of care-free walks on the beach at night and enjoying oneself during the day. Very appropriate as the song was named after a woman Ewing and Walker met in Mexico while touring near the Sea of Cortez.

This is a CD to listen to while stuck in the house on a snow day because it's relaxing and it's good company.

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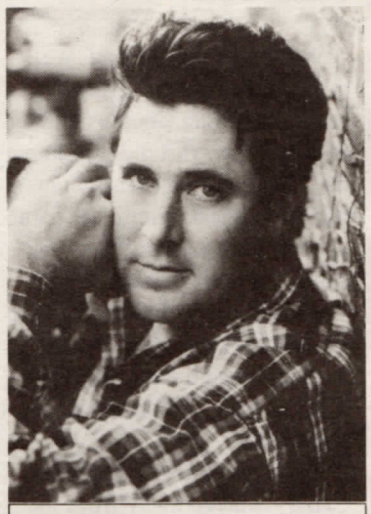

Courtesy of Windham Hill Records
Contributor to "Sound of Wood and Steel," Vince Gill.

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bankers and lenders in the guaranteed (loan) programs don't like losing money, they want our students to pay more to subsidize their profits through the loan industry."

University of Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE — The *Daily Nebraskan* reports law schools across the county are retaliating against recent attempts to banish affirmative action from law school admissions. The ramifications from setbacks in affirmative action at California and Texas law schools have led to labeling February as National Minority Law Recruitment Month. The effort is part of a commitment to diversity and minority recruitment by the Law School Admission Council. This commitment came after the council noticed results of Proposition 209, amending California's constitution. According to Matt LeMieux, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Nebraska, the University of California—Berkeley law school had only one African-American student enrolled this year, but before Proposition 209, the school had more than 10 percent minority students.

University of Arizona

PHOENIX, AZ — According to the *Arizona Daily Wildcat*, a highly contested measure that would have rubbed out preferences in state-funded programs was voted down in the Arizona Senate on February 25. University of Arizona officials are opposed the bill because it could cut UA retention and enrichment programs for minority students and university recruitment policies. "I'm reassured, but not surprised," said UA President Peter Likins, an opponent of the measure. Bill sponsor Sen. Scott Bundgaard said ballot initiative efforts are currently underway for voters to decide in November whether state-funded programs can take into account race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in government hiring, education or contracting.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

"Ask me not what democracy means to me. Ask me how I feel to live and breathe democracy that the dead could not have."

So wrote a Cambodian-born high school student in her entry for the recent essay contest, "What Democracy in America Means to Me." This year's contest was open to students from Lowell and Lawrence High School students who are children of immigrants or who are themselves newly-arrived in the United States. The essay contest, sponsored by the UMass Lowell Council on Diversity & Pluralism and Barnes & Noble Bookstore, was the Youth Conference's kick-off event.

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Sports

UMass Lowell softball heads to Florida

by Melissa Sullivan
Connector Staff

The UMass Lowell Women's softball coaching staff and team is getting ready to travel to Fort Meyers, Florida for spring break week. The coaching staff consists of Head Coach Harry Suida, Infield Coach Sachs and the new assistant Kerri Lyman. Coach Lyman came from the Merrimack program to assist the UMass women in pitching and defense. The week includes hard training, 10 imperative games, which will prepare them for their conference double headers and, of course, some fun.

Opponents that they will face include Lemoyne University from Syracuse, University of North Dakota, and local teams, such as Central Connecticut, Amherst, Wheaton, Tufts, Rockford and Kenne State. This is the first time that the women have traveled to Florida. In the past they have always packed up and headed to the Virginia Beach area in Norfolk, Virginia. Sunny Florida is a great way for the eighteen young women to began their 1998 season.

The UMass Lowell softball team consist of only two juniors and the remaining are sophomores and freshmen. The team is lead by captains Heidi Anderson - pitcher (Methuen), Amanda Hinchcliffe - 1st base (Lawrence) and Tricia Metz - short stop (Chelmsford). Last season the team went 18 - 20 overall and 9 - 9 in their conference.

The UMass Lowell Women's softball conference includes Sacred Heart University, Southern Connecticut College, University of New Haven, Franklin Pierce College, Bridgeport, New Hampshire College, Stonybrook and Albany State.

"We are looking to play better than 500 ball in contention for conference title," explains Head Coach Harry Suida. The women are hoping to play ahead of last years leaders New Haven, Albany, Sacred Heart and Southern Connecticut. The bringing of new players such as former track athlete, Christine Botto - second basemen (Dracut), third baseman Carolyn Laehy (Lawrence), Katie Barbar (Lynn) pitcher and transfer student, Kristin Alcom (Dracut) pitcher will be solid ground for the young team. Returning pitcher Sarah Gagnon (Hudson) last years 12 game winner will also, help lead the team to victory.

If UMass Lowell can lead the conference for the conference title, then they will be contenders for tournament play. "The outcome for the 1998 season is going to depend on how quickly the team comes along as well as the two freshman, and three sophomore pitchers. We are lacking a whole lot of experience, but hard work will dictate the season outcome," says Coach Suida. The coming season includes 42 games which amounts to 21 double headers and 10 games down in Florida. All home games bring them to the newly constructed South Campus Softball Complex located behind Dugan Hall.

Join the women for their first home game, and support the UMass Lowell Women's softball team.

Golf team ahead of its class

by Jayson LaValley
Connector Staff

When it comes to golf, we think of the likes of Tiger Woods, Freddie Couples and Paul Azinger. But did you know the UMass Lowell Golf team has the highest winning percentage out of any varsity athletic sport at the university? Well you should take notice because the team is preparing for another winning season this spring and looks to play well at the national tournament.

Two years ago, Coach Bob Callary walked away from the program and it was nearly cut from the athletic curriculum. Kevin Doyle from Andover, convincingly persuaded Athletic Director Dana Skinner from cutting the golf program. Well, Doyle did a great job and landed himself the Head Coach spot along with gaining some valuable recruits. At the time, sophomore Shawn Roderick (Plaistow, NH) was playing at Division I school, University of Hartford. He was attracted to UMass Lowell's program and transferred to play under Doyle in the fall of 1996. Since then, Roderick has made an impact on the program and leads his team as Captain in just his junior year.

Playing along with him is classmate Scott Pare (Lowell), seniors Jason Le May (Rhode Island) and Adam Tramonte (Amherst) and freshman Mike Calef (West Bridgewater). The five had a great first half during the fall season, winning two tournaments in the ECAC qualifier and Williams College Tournament. They also placed second at Shaduck and Middlebury Invitationals.

The team held a number one ranking in the Division II New England Intercollegiate Golf Association (NEIGA) poll. In the second half of the fall season, a slight tailspin sent the team into third in the rankings behind rivals Bentley College and Bryant College. The squad finished fourth at the ECAC Division II Championships and then went on to play at Indiana in the Division II NEIGA National Tournament, only to finish dead last. Roderick claims, "it was a good experience. It was the first post season for everyone on the team so it was a good experience."

Doyle's squad looks ahead though and has expectations to do well at nationals this time around. The spring tournaments are not as important as the fall tournaments because rankings carry over from the fall to the spring. The season will serve as preparation grounds for the big show scheduled in May at Bryant College in Rhode Island.

Though golf seems like and individual sport, it takes the patience of the golfer to play conservative in attempt to get the lowest possible team score rather than lowest individual score. Roderick points out that "the mentality as an individual, you can play risky and try to shoot for a low score but as a team golfer, you gotta play safe and just make your shots for the team." Safe play will help the River Hawks golf consistently and score low. Scoring totals are accumulated for four of the five golfer's lowest scores.

This Friday, the team will travel to Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina. One of the finest golf courses in the world, they will stay there for a week to touch up on their game. "We need to get back into it," Roderick says, "to get a feel for the game again."

Although the team is giving Spring Break plans up for golf preparation, they are gaining an advantage over Bentley and Bryant. The two teams will stay in Massachusetts while the River Hawks will polish their clubs and sharpen their spikes at Pinehurst #2 course.

With hard hitter Captain Shawn Roderick off the tee and the tandem of Tramonte and Pare on the green putting, the River Hawks should be a force to be reckoned with. Roderick's expectations exceed all of last years, hoping to gain Academic All American status. The criteria of a 3.0 GPA over two semesters and a stroke average of 79 seems attainable for the outspoken business major. To do well at the nationals is another goal for himself and the team. Only time will tell.

After this season, Le May and Tramonte are lost due to graduation. Roderick says, "anyone who can break 80 consistently, come out for the team." The River Hawks begin their season at Yale University in the first week of April (weather permitting).

Men's Club Volleyball Team

by Melissa Sullivan
Connector Staff

The UMass Lowell Men's Volleyball Team is requesting the presents of all UMass students at their next home game Wednesday, March 11 against the Northeastern Huskies. The game will be home at Costello Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

Come join captain Matt Dibble and seniors Mike Botelho, Baskar Marimuthu, Lou Rondeau and the rest of the team as they triumph over Northeastern. The men are having a great season and hopefully, with the support of UML students, they will be able to continue their streak of good luck.

Belanger and Divirgilio qualify for Nationals

by Melissa Sullivan
Connector Staff

The UMass Lowell Wrestling team finished third in the Northeast Regional National Division II Qualifier on February 28th.

The University of Pittsburgh Johnstown lead the teams with 120 points, Shippensburg University trailed behind with 65 points, followed by UMass Lowell with 59 points. Leading the team with wins was Henry Sandoval (3 to 2 at 134, third), senior captain T.J. O'Donnell (3 to 2 at 177, third) and freshman Norman Long (2 to 2 at 167, fourth).

Both Steve Divirgilio (Saugus 2 to 1) and Bob Belanger (Billerica 3 to 1) finished second in their competition allowing them the chance to compete in the national tournament in two weeks. This year's National competition will send the men to Pueblo, Colorado where Divirgilio will be wrestling in the 190 pound weight class and Belanger in the 142 pound weight class.

DID You Know...

In countries where it is custom to drink at important functions, such as business meetings, one can have a person be his "designated drinker" so he can conduct business.

Pro Basketball: Celtics

by Joe O'Neill
Connector Contributor

Last week was a busy time for National Basketball Association. Coaches and general managers scoured the league to try to improve their respective ball clubs. Rick Patino and Chris Wallace, coach and general manager of the Boston Celtics worked hard to make a move that would immediately improve the Celtics. On the day before the trading deadline, the Celtics traded the third pick form the 1997 draft, Chavay Billarps, a rocky point guard, plus high priced guard Dee Brown, who wasn't happy here, and two other players to Portland for former star point guard Kenny Anderson, who was a number two pick in the 1991 draft. There were also two players coming to the Celtics. Forward Popeye Jones and Mcman Chon Keback, a 7 ft. 3 in. center form Kruasia, and of course the reason for the trade, Kenny Anderson.

After the trade people were skeptical; they thought the Celtics gave up on the rookie too quickly. He really didn't seem to be a point guard and didn't fit into coach Rick Patino's system. There were some questions about why Anderson was on five teams during his seven years in the NBA, however he was the number two pick overall by New Jersey in 1991. It has been said he wears out his welcome. Only once was he asked to be traded, where as some players always asked and complained that they want to be traded. The other time his contract was up and he was a free agent. This trade was a big surprise for Anderson. A

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Sports' Spotlight

by Melissa Sullivan
Connector Staff

Deb Primeau

Year: Senior

Sport: Track

Position: Triple Jump, Long Jump, Hurdles

Hometown: Merrimack, New Hampshire

High school: Merrimack High School

Major: Civil Engineering

Nickname: Deb

Favorite Pro Team: New England Patriots

Favorite Athlete: Dan O'Brien

Favorite Actor: Jack Nicholson

Favorite Actress: Tom Ramos

Favorite Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"

Favorite Singer: James the Band

Favorite Meal: Steak and potatoes

Favorite TV Show: Dharma and Gregg

Hobbies: Quilting, Photography, Weight Lifting

What do you do to relax: Laugh

Memorable moment at UMass Lowell: Hanging out with the girls in 401 and 214

Biggest Wish: To make my parents proud

Best part of your sports career at UMass Lowell: Meeting Bill Cosby at the Penn Relays

Best part of your sport: Competing for myself and my team

Hopes for the future: To Graduate

Three famous people you would invite to dinner: Vachel Lindsay, Diane Sawyer and Quentin Terantino

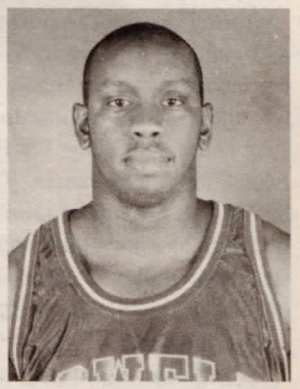
One famous event in history you would have like to have been at: Construction of the Hoover Dam

If you could do one thing in your life, what would it be: Write a book

Quote: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies ahead of us."

Featured this week:

Russell Scott



Year: Junior

Sport: Basketball

Position: Forward

Hometown: Windsor, Conneticut

High school: Windsor High School

Major: Accounting

Nickname: Rizz

Favorite Pro Team: L.A.Lakers

Favorite Athlete: Shaquille O'Neal

Favorite Actor: Morgan Feeman

Favorite Actress: Nia Long

Favorite Movie: Money Talks

Favorite Singer: Wu Tang

Favorite Meal: Curry Goat and Rice

Favorite TV Show: "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers"

Hobbies: "Wylin Out"

What do you do to relax: Listen to Music

Memorable moment at UMass Lowell: Winning the ECAC Championship

Biggest Wish: To go to the NCAA Tournament

Best part of your sports career at UMass Lowell: Being 20 to 10 last season

Best part of your sport: Playing and Winning

Hopes for the future: To make alot of money doing something I like

Three famous people you would invite to dinner: Nia Long, Jamie Foxx and Shaq

One famous event in history you would have like to have been at: The releasing of Nelson Mandela

If you could do one thing in your life, what would it be: Put an end to all the ignorant people in the world

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Health: Tanning bed safety

by Susan Costello
Connector Contributor

Spring break is coming up and many people are looking to get nice and bronze before hitting the beach at destinations such as Panama City, So. Padre Island and the Bahamas. But before you hop into a tanning bed at Shake and Bake, make sure that you know about some of the risks associated with indoor tanning.

Whether you prefer to tan indoors or outdoors you are putting yourself at risk for developing skin cancer, cataracts and retinal damage, premature wrinkles and various UV ray induced skin rashes. These problems develop over time and become more severe according to the amount of exposure to harmful rays. Sunlight and tanning booths omit two type of rays known as UVB and UVA.

UVB refers to short rays that hit the outside layer of skin and are responsible for burning. Due to the skin cancer risks associated with UVB rays, tanning salons began switching to bulbs that mostly give off UVA rays. UVA waves were thought to be "safe" rays because they penetrate deeper into the skin layers and promote tanning rather than burning. Experts are now informing people that these "deep rays" are actually dangerous because they penetrate far enough to harm the skins' connective tissue. UVA damage is also associated with retina and cornea injury as well as cataracts. It is for this reason that the FDA requires that salons promote the use of protective eye wear by their clients. Simply closing you eyes or using coverings other than tanning goggles is not enough to prevent damage.

So if you want to get a little color indoors before you hit the beach, try to minimize your risk of skin damage by using the following guidelines:

Limit your exposure time to avoid burning; ask salon staff to recommend a tanning time that is acceptable for your skin type.

Make sure that there is a timer available to automatically shut off the tanning device when you are done.

Always use goggles that fit snugly.

Make sure that any medicines that you are taking (such as birth control pills and antihistamines) do not react with the UV lights. If you are being treated for lupus, diabetes or if you are prone to cold sores, know that your symptoms may be aggravated by indoor tanning.

If you want the color but not the skin damage, try a self-tanning product such as Clarins Self Tanning Gel. Once you reach the Spring Break destination of your choice, make sure that you do not spend your last few nights in sunburn hell. Try to stay out of the sun for parts of the afternoon and load up on sunscreen, this way you will be able to enjoy the entire week sunburn free!

River Hawks lose weekend series with BC

by Doug Noworyta
Connector Staff

UMass Lowell lost a weekend series with Boston College putting them out of contention for home ice in the playoffs. The best Lowell can finish is fifth place in Hockey East. Friday the twenty seconds' game was lost in the third period when Boston College scored on the power play making the final score 5 to 4.

The following saturday's 7 to 3 loss showed that the River Hawks are more pretenders then contenders for this years playoffs. The only highlight for Lowell in the game was two goals by sophomore Chris Bell. The River Hawks' poor performance in the third period was the result of a lack of heart and desire.

The River Hawks played well in the first and second periods. In the third period, Boston College unloaded four goals to seal the victory. UMass Lowell just could not stop Boston College's intense fire power of Brian Gionta, Marty Reasoner and Jeff Farkas. Martin Fillion's extremely sporadic play contributed to the lose. Penalties also hurt UMass Lowell throughout the game, which resulted in three Boston College powerplay goals. In both games Tim Whitehead's inconsistent third period coaching contributed greatly to the losses. It seems that UMass Lowell is going in the wrong direction with no real leadership from its seniors.

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Introducing women's Ice Hockey

by Chrissy Brouillard
Connector Contributor

Finally we've made it! After a year and a half of a never ending chain of meetings, paperwork, events, posters, practices and other hectic things, I, along with my teammates have made a huge step towards achieving our goal of starting a long lasting women's ice hockey program here at UMass Lowell.

We, the women's ice hockey team, have finally gotten the okay to be recognized as a club sport. I have played hockey for five years and had always hoped to be able to take my talents to the college level. My one block in attaining this goal was that most of the schools that offer women's ice hockey as a varsity sport have limited amounts of scholarship and have an exceedingly high cost of tuition.

I came here last year and decided I love the school. So, I also decided that I would try to start a club team here. My first year of trying to drum up support and members was disappointing, but this year I put more posters up and arranged a meeting with all of the girls interested. I recognized the reason that some girls did not think they would be able to play with the girls who have been playing for a while. I told them we needed them regardless of their ability and that we would work with them to help them become great hockey players.

After a couple of practices, I am proud to announce we have a team of 15 members, a coach and two assistants. We continue to practice this semester and hopefully we will start a full schedule of games next semester.

We should do well as a team, we have female hockey players that were in the same predicament as me and the new girls are learning the game very quickly. We have girls at all levels. From beginners to advanced, we are all working to create a team we can be proud of. Even though we have been practicing for a while, we are always open to newcomers whether you've never played the sport before or you're a seasoned veteran. Don't feel intimidated!

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Track men earn fourth and Towlson is national bound

by Melissa Sullivan
Connector Staff

The UMass Lowell Men's 4 x 800 relay team raced to fourth place Saturday, February 28th at New England's. The meet was at Boston University, starting on Friday night and continuing to Saturday, day and night. After a long exhausting day at the track, the boys began warming up for the last event of the day. UMass Lowell men were seeded seventh in the first heat out of the 16 competing teams.

The leader of the foursome was Virgel Hammonds (Texas, 1:55.3) who exchanged the early lead with Northeastern and University of New Hampshire. His hand off to

Jay La Valley (Amesbury, 1:56.0) put the team in second behind UNH. In La Valley's last lap, University of Connecticut, NE and UNH were tight in the race along with University of Rhode Island. Steve Langis (Peabody, 1:54.3) took the baton from La Valley and motored past UNH. Langis maintained fourth place until the final leg of the race was put in the hands of Kevin Andriolo (Tewksbury, 1:52.9). Andriolo ran away from the competition passing UConn and pulling up behind URI and NE. Andriolo then passed URI before exchanging a push and shove. With one lap to go, Andriolo running in second with 100 meters to go, was passed by Amherst College's outstanding miler, Robert Mitchell who eventually won the race (7:37.17) and URI. NE followed and URI took third. The River Hawks finished fourth in 7:39.48, only 2 ticks off the school record.

At Smith College in Rhode Island, Erica Towlson extended her track accomplishments by finishing fourth in the 55 meter High Hurdles in a time of 8.19 seconds. Already qualified for nationals in that event, she jumped 18'-9.75", good enough for fourth place and another spot at nationals in Indianapolis. Also performing well was freshman Amy Gardner who finished fifth in the Pentathlon with 2803 points.

The men and women earned medals for their outstanding performances and beat some top Division I teams in New England. The River Hawks have a month of rest before they get back on the track for the outdoor circuit.

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lot of the criticism has been directed towards him is unwarranted, almost as if they were doubting what Rick Patino was doing.

There have been a lot of good words spoken about Kenny Anderson, as well as from Howard David, the Celtics radio announcer, and was calling games for the New Jersey Nets during the years that Anderson played there. David explained that Anderson should definitely be an asset to the Celtics and some of the criticism was unfair towards him.

Since the trade, the Celtics have played better, with their back court and offense somewhat smoother. They have had a few wins on their west coast trip, and have won their first three games against Sacramento, Portland and Golden State.

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Student Government Association

Next Senate Meeting;
Wednesday
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TO:	FACULTY, NON FACULTY AND STUDENTS
FROM:	William T. Hogan, Chancellor
DATE:	February 20, 1998
SUBJECT:	**OPEN MEETING HOURS 1997-98 ACADEMIC YEAR REVISED**

Listed below is a schedule of Open Meeting Hours for the remainder of this academic year. Please note that the date of the March meeting has been changed. It will be held on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

Tuesday, March 24	Trustees' Room, North Campus
Wednesday, April 15	Durgin Hall, Room 309, South Campus
Wednesday, May 13	Trustees' Room, North Campus

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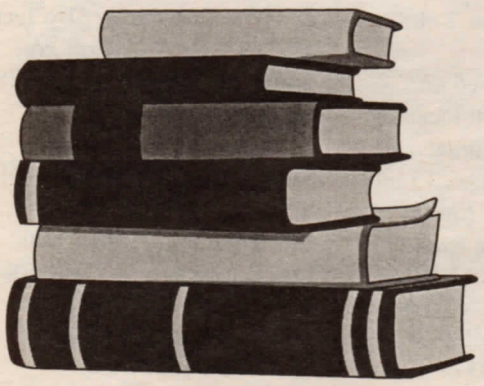

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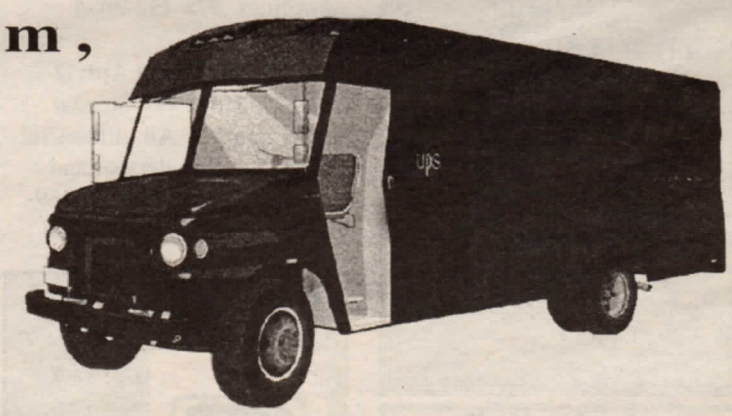

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